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# DAILY
# DEVOTIONS.
## OR THE
# Christians
## Morning and Evening
# SACRIFICE.

**Digested into Prayers and Meditations for every Day in the Week, and other occasions.**

***With some short Directions for a Godly Life.***

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# The Life of that Reverend Divine, Dr. *Colet*, sometime Dean of S. *Pauls*.

JOhn Colet, *Son of Sir* Henry Colet, *Mercer, and twice Lord Mayor of* London, *was the only surviving Child his Parents had of Two and Twenty. Thus* God, *though* He *breaks the* Ring, *left them the* Diamond *in preserving him alive.*

*In his Youth he visited Foreign parts, and the scattered Perfections of several* Nations *he collected and distilled into himself; returning home, in* Oxford *he publickly ex-*

*pounded all Saint Paul's Epistles, with no less profit to others than Applause to himself. He taught the Learned there to beat their Swords into Mattocks, and their Spears into Pruning-hooks, to turn Disputes into Doctrines, Controversies into positive Divinity.*

*Then began the beams of his worth to shine in the Court, and* King HENRY *the Seventh (a knowing Prince who generally grounded his favour on Desert,) for his well Expounding* Saint Paul's *Epistles, made him* Dean of Saint Pauls *in* London. *Here* Colet *read his former Lectures over again, preferring rather to set on the Table, wholsome cold meat, which had been there once before, than to*

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*feed his Auditors with flesh half raw, though hot from the spit.*

*But Day shall as soon be without Night, as a grand merit without envy attending it. Some accused him as not thorow paced in his Religion; and confining on Heresie in some Opinions, as denying due reverence to Images and Saints,* &c.

*But as our* Colet *preferred the immediate going to* God *before mediation of Saints, so* God *gave him the happiness to have direct access to his Earthly King, without applying himself to the favour of Courtiers. King* Henry *the Eighth had the hearing of his Cause, and dismiss'd him with this worthy Testimony:* Let other men chuse

what Doctor they pleaſe, this Man ſhall be my Doctor.

*He was (as I may ſay) a* Luther *before* Luther, *for his Doctrine. A ſtrict ſhunner of Vice in himſelf, and puniſher of it in thoſe that were under him. Look in this Treatiſe to behold his Faith, and on Saint* Paul's *School (which he Founded) to ſee his Charity.*

**By T. F. D. D.**

# *A fruitful Direction, and Order of a good Christian Life, very profitable to be regarded of all people. With sundry fruitful Precepts to be followed; made by that worthy man,* Dr. Colet, *sometime Dean of St.* Pauls.

REmember first of all (virtuous Reader) that it is high wisdom and great perfection thy self to know, and then thy self to despise; thou must know that thou hast nothing that good is of thy self, but of God: for the gifts of God's nature and all other temporal gifts of this world, which be lawfully and truly obtained, well considered, are come to thee by the infinite goodness and grace of God, and not thy self. Wherefore and in especial it is necessary for thee to know, that God of his great Grace, hath made thee his Image, having regard to thy memory, understanding and will, and that God is thy Maker, and thou his wretched Creature and thou art redeemed of God by the passion of Jesus Christ, and is thy helper, thy refuge, and thy deliverer from all evil, and to consider and know the goodly Order which God, of his

infinite wiſdom hath ordained thee to be ordered by: as to have theſe temporal goods for the neceſſity of the body, the Body and ſenſual appetites to be ordered by the Soul, the Soul to be ordered by reaſon, and grace to know thy duty to God, and to thy Neighbour; and by all common reaſon if thou do keep this convenient order to God and his Creatures, they ſhall keep their order to thee: but if thou do break thy order to them, of likelihood they ſhall break their order to thee; for how ſhould thy Wife, Children, Servants, and other Creatures with thee which thou haſt doing, do their duty, and keep their order to thee if thou doſt not ſo to God and to them? And alſo think thou of a ſurety, that if thy ſenſual appetite be not ordered by reaſon and grace, thou art worſe ordered than a beaſt; for thou then liveſt out of order, and ſo doth not a beaſt; which is a great ſhame and rebuke to thee, being a reaſonable creature, and without the great mercy of God, it ſhall be thine eternal deſtruction: wherefore I ſay conſider what thy ſin is, in the ignorance of God, of thy ſelf, and of thine own evil, and of his holineſs: and ſearch thy impenitency in this, that thou makeſt too light account of God's Juſtice, and therefore thy heart wax-

waxeth hard; it is far without feeling of faith, either toward God, or love towards thy Neighbour, so that thou likest and lovest sin, and hast no grief nor hatred for it: examine further, whether thou hast not neglected God's Word, either not in diligent hearing of it preached or read, or when thou hast heard it, in not regarding it: nay, whether thou hast not had more delight to read unprofitable blessings, savouring altogether of the flesh such as thou shouldest be afraid once to think of, as it would have beseemed thy holy profession, and whether thou hast not rebelled against it, whilst thou hast withstood the working of it, that thou shouldest mortifie the old man, changing it and gaining upon it daily, till it be framed to God's most holy will: and if thou shalt find these things in thee, then judge thy self of sin, that thou be not judged of the Lord, for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Moreover judge thy self for putting no difference between God's will and thy corrupt will, through which thou hast neglected God's will, and love thine own to fly from his and follow thine own; which then hath plainly shewed it self, when his was plainly taught to be contrary to thine, and yet thou didst yield to it, in breathing forth unseem-

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ly and ungodly pangs, ragings, and murmurings againſt it; and therefore judge thy ſelf of this intolerable pride of mind, and ſtubbornneſs of heart, and of thoſe unbridled affections, rebelling and murmuring againſt God, and miſ-judging of him that reproveth thee: Further ſee whether thou haſt judged thy ſelf for neglect of Prayer, when thou haſt omitted many days, never regarding it, but as a prophane perſon haſt not once thought of thy duty therein: and when thou haſt prayed, haſt done it in the ceremony, without taſt or remorſe of faith or ſin, in ſuch coldneſs and broken ſort, that there hath been no life nor comfort in it: Judge thy ſelf, whether in Prayer, thou haſt practiſed the exerciſes of a broken heart healed in Chriſt, and changed into righteouſneſs: whether the juſt mediation of God's goodneſs moveth thee to offer the ſacrifice of thankſgiving, and worketh in thee the love thereof, that thou mighteſt be ſtirred up to love him, and to walk in that obedience that he requireth of thee: And becauſe the abuſing of God's Creatures is a great ſin, examine thy ſelf, whether thou doſt miſuſe them in forgetfulneſs of God, in pride of life to pleaſe thy ſelf in the creature more than in the Creator, ſeeing with the abuſe of them to ſet forth thy ſelf in

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pride, to pleaſe thy ſelf and the fleſhly eyes of others, rather, than in humbleneſs, to uſe them to the pleaſing and praiſing Almighty God the Creator: In the uſe of all which things, the love of God, which appeareth unto thee to a continual meditation, to make thee to ſpy out ſin in thy ſelf, and to judge that to be ſin, which is ſin indeed, and in no wiſe to mince or diminiſh it, or to cover it with the fig-leaves of thine own vain excuſes, but to lay it open before the Lord, nakedly and plainly as it is; ſo that thou call not ſin righteouſneſs, nor righteouſneſs ſin; good evil, nor evil good: but condemn that which thou knoweſt to be ſin, to abhor it, to flee from it, without all hypocriſie and cloaking of it with ſelf-love, or nouriſhing it, or elſe with lightneſs and contempt to dwell in it; and therefore thou muſt examine this ſin throughly, of not applying thy heart and mind to meditate and underſtand, to believe and taſt of the work of thy ſalvation wrought in Chriſt crucified, through which thou walkeſt in ſecurity, wanting faith, and yet not feeling thy want, wanting the food of life, and the taſt of God, and yet hungreſt not after it, but thinkeſt thy ſelf full when thou art empty, and nevertheleſs, art empty and poor indeed, to beg it at God's hands the ſupplyer thereof;

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through which thou feeleſt not the incorporation into Chriſt's Body, feel the effect thereof in Chriſt's Death: to die from ſin, in his Reſurrection, is to live to Righteouſneſs in his Aſcenſion: to ask after Heavenly things, and to leave the Earth and Fleſh, at his coming again, to be ready with faith and joy to meet him: And here withal weigh what a great ſin it is, not to hearken to the Spirit of God, when it might work in it, whereby thou doſt grieve it and quench it, when thou doſt not gladly obey it, and yield to the motions of it: and therefore judge thy ſelf for not putting off the old man with all his works, and for not putting on the new man, in bringing forth the fruits of regeneration, for not conſidering thine exile in the fleſh from God, or in this World from Heaven: to lament it, and the cauſe of it, and to extol the Providence of God, by which thou liveſt: and for being idle, vain, proud, in thinking, ſpeaking, and doing. Again, for not feeling the eſtate of God's afflicted Church, to ſorrow in the affliction of it: for not ſeeking zealouſly to glorifie his Goſpel, through which thou art not throughly touched for any falſe Doctrine, Idolatry, or ſin: for ſtanding againſt which, the Saints of God have been, and ſtill are perſecuted and killed, and yet thou

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liveſt careleſly without feeling of it, and art at a good point, ſink it, or ſwim it. To conclude then, I mean by ſin, whatſoever is declared to be ſin in the word of God, which lieth either ſeen or unſeen in our hearts, of what eſtate ſoever we be, and appeareth in life, which is found out by the word of God, and ſo adjudged, which thou oughteſt to lament before God in the exerciſes of a broken heart, to beat down thy heart with humbleneſs, to cauſe thee to beg mercy with aking heart, and very need, to ſeek that heavenly Phyſician Jeſus Chriſt, and of eager deſire to feed on him by faith, to the aſſurance of Life and Salvation, that the ſweetneſs thereof may work in thee the love of thy God to praiſe him, the love of his written Word to do it, and in doing it to deny thy ſelf, thy will, affection, and life; that with humbleneſs thou maiſt walk always with and before the Lord in the holineſs and righteouſneſs that pleaſeth him, knowing that his eye doth ſearch thy heart and life, to ſee in it his will done and obeyed: and always practiſing that which is good that thou mayeſt pleaſe Him, and therefore muſt ask mercy; and ſo if thou continually ſtrive and labour to do it, He doth accept of thy imperfect doings in Chriſt to encourage thee to take better hold, and

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to do better, &c. Wherefore think, and thank God, and utterly deſpiſe thy ſelf, and think thy ſelf a wretch, in that God hath done ſo much for thee, and thou haſt ſo oft offended his Highneſs, and alſo done him ſo little ſervice: and ſurely it is alſo great wiſdom for thee to think, that if it had pleaſed God for to have given to all other men grace, as he hath given to thee, that they would have ſerved him better than thou haſt done: wherefore by his mercy, and grace, call unto thy remembrance thy degree of dignity which Almighty God, of his goodneſs hath called thee unto, and according thereto, yield thy debt, and do thy duty: Firſt, and principally, honour God as thy Maker, love him as thy Redeemer, fear him as thy Judge. Secondly, thy Neighbour which is thy ſuperiour obey: have concord and peace with them which be like with thee in degree, and have mercy on thy inferiours. Thirdly provide thee to have a heart purged, and a good cuſtody of thy tongue: and in all thy words and deeds have ever in thy mind that thou ſhalt die ſhortly, and that God heareth and ſeeth every thing; and that nothing is ſo privily done but it ſhall be made open. And every morning among other Meditations and Prayers, pray unto the Lord God,

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that the day following thou mayest use this wretched world, in thy thoughts, words, and deeds, that thou mayest by the merits of Christ's passion, eschew the pains of Hell, and come to the Joy everlasting; and in executing thereof, keep truth in words and deeds, defend no man nor no matter against the truth. In all things think and trust in God, and he shall direct thy ways: Trust not to thine own wit, but fear God, and he will keep thee from evil: Be content to hear good counsel, though it be contrary to thy will; for he is a very fool that will hear nothing gladly but what is according to his own mind: do no man harm, lest thou suffer the same; as thou wouldest be done unto, so do thou unto others: be such to others as thou desirest they should be unto thee. If thou be Religious, remember that the due execution of true Religion, is not in the wearing of the habit, but with a clear mind in very deed, to execute the rules of true Religion, and the Ordinances thereof: If thou be lay and unmarried, keep thee clean unto the time thou be married, and remember the sore and terrible punishment of *Noah*'s flood, and of the destruction of *Sodom* and *Gomorrha*, done to man for mis-rising flesh; and if thou intend to marry, or to be married,

ried, and haſt a good Wife, thank God therefore, for ſhe is of his ſending; and remember that there be three things pleaſing to the Spirit of God, that is to ſay, concord between brethen, love and charity between neighbours, and a man and wife well agreeing together: and having in remembrance, that the intent of marriage is not in the beaſtly appetite of the fleſh, but to eſchew the evil thereof, or to have children. And if thou have children, aſmuch as thou maiſt, bring them up in virtue, to be the ſervants of God; for it were better for them and thee not to be born, than otherwiſe. In thine Authority, buſie thee rather to be beloved of thine inferiours, than to be dreaded. Let thy ſubjects and ſervants rather ſerve and obey thee for love, than for dread or need: With ſuch a Sovereign goodneſs govern thy Subjects, that they may be glad to ſerve thee, both in puniſhment and in chaſtiſing: Keep a meaſurable mean, be not too ſtraight, forget not to keep a convenient meaſure in all thy works: go not to meat but as a reaſonable man, with thanks to God for his gifts, and then remember, that more be ſick and die by ſuperfluities of meats and drinks, than otherwiſe. Wherefore eat with meaſure, to live in health; at thy meat have no o-

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ther but honeſt communication, and ſuch as is according to thy knowledge; backbite no man, be merry in honeſty, for ſorrow and care hath killed many, and no profit is therein. In no wiſe ſwear, without compulſion of the Law; for where is great ſwearing, from thence is never the plague of God. In no wiſe brawl nor chide; for *Solomon* ſaith, *Better is a little with joy, than much with brawl and contention*: And he ſaith, *An evil perſon is ever chiding*; and therefore the Angel of God ſhall be ſet againſt him: Be content at all times to give part of that which God hath ſent thee, for he that will not hear the cry of the poor, ſhall cry to God and not be heard. With good providence and diſcretion, ſee the time where, when, how, why, and wherefore thou ſpeakeſt, doſt, or biddeſt any thing to be done: when thou deemeſt or judgeſt any thing to be done, in poor or rich, behold and conſider the cauſe, and not the perſon: be as meek in other mens cauſe and offences, as in thine own; ſit never in doom and judgement, without pity and mercy; for while thou haſt pity and mercy on other mens offences, thou haſt mercy on thine own: for in what meaſure thou meaſureſt to others, it ſhall be meaſured to thee again; yet thou muſt execute

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judgment: for to do mercy and juſtice is more pleaſant to God, than to pray, or do ſacrifice unto him; Judge no man by light ſuſpicion, prove firſt, and then judge; in doubts, refer the Judgment and Sentence to God's might, and what thou knoweſt not, commit it to God's might, have little or none affection of theſe earthly and tranſitory things; for bleſſed is the Rich man that truſteth not in mony or treaſure; remember as a man loveth, ſo he is; for the lover is in the thing loved, more properly than in himſelf: wherefore if a man love earthly things, he may be called an earthly man; but if he love properly Heavenly things, or God, he may be called an Heavenly or a Godly man: therefore love God and heavenly things, for undoubtedly that is the beſt and moſt aſſured love; for they be, and ever ſhall be permanent, and all earthly things be ſoon vaniſhed and ended, and ſo the love of them is in vain. Alſo it is high wiſdom to fear God; for that he ſaith himſelf, Fear not him that can kill the body, and cannot hurt the Soul; but fear him that can kill the Body and alſo the Soul, and commit them to everlaſting pain. Wherefore every evening before thou go to bed, call to thy remembrance, as much as thou canſt, thy thoughts, words,

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and deeds, ſaid and done that day: and if any have been to thine own profit, and to the pleaſure of God, heartily thank him, for by his grace it was done: and if any have been contrary to his will and pleaſure, ask heartily mercy, and reconcile thy ſelf ſhortly to Him by repentance, to eſchew the everlaſting deſtruction of thy ſoul: For as S. *Auguſtine* ſaith, *there is not a greater madneſs, than for a little temporal delectation which is ſoon done, to loſe the eternal Joy, and to be bound to everlaſting pain:* From the which, the Almighty Father by his infinite power and mercy, bitter paſſion and infinite wiſdom of Jeſus Chriſt; and by the infinite goodneſs and charity of the Holy Ghoſt, keep us now and for ever. *Amen.*

Jam. 5. 20. *Let him know, that he which hath converted a ſinner from going aſtray out of his way, ſhall ſave a ſoul from Death, and ſhall hide a multitude of ſins.*

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## What Prayer is.

*PRayer is an humble Requeſt either of the heart, or tongue, or both unto God, proceeding from our belief and acknowledgment of his power, as God, and of his goodneſs, as our*

*our Father in Jesus Christ, to supply all our necessities, with thanksgiving unto him for any blessing received.*

The parts of a Prayer are usually three:

1. *Humble Confession.*
2. *Petition or Supplication.*
3. *Hearty Thanksgiving.*

## 1. Confession.

*Which is an humble and penitent repetition of our sins and wickedness, with an acknowledgment of punishments and miseries thereby deserved, and with an earnest desire and prayer for absolution, and that for JESUS Christ alone.*

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy, *Prov.* 28. 13.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin, *Psal.* 32. 5.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, 1 *John* 1. 9.

My misdeeds prevail against me; O be thou merciful to my sins, *Psal.* 67. 3.

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## 2. Petition.

*Petition or Supplication is that part of Prayer, in which we beseech God, the Author of all good and punisher of all ill, for all the Mercies, Comforts, Graces and Blessings of this Life, and the Life to come, and for deliverance from all fears, ills, dangers, and punishments of this Life, and the Life to come, for our selves and others, and all for the merits of Christ Jesus alone, and his mediation.*

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me, *Psal.* 27. 8.

Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercies: even in the truth of thy Salvation, *Psal.* 69 14.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse me from my secret faults, *Psal.* 19.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences, *Psal.* 51.

Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved; *Rom.* 10.

## 3. Hearty Thanksgiving.

*Thanksgiving is an humble joyful acknowledgment and expression of our thanks unto Al-*

*Almighty God for any mercy or bleſſing recei*ved, *or promiſed; and for preſervation and deliverance from any calamity, danger, or diſtreſs, with denial of our own merits of the leaſt of theſe, and a magnifying of the greatneſs and goodneſs of God unto us in and through Jeſus Chriſt.*

Give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his Name, *Pſal.* 105.

Whatſoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jeſus, giving thanks to God the Father, and by him, *Col.* 3. 17.

My mouth ſhall daily ſpeak of thy Righteouſneſs and Salvation, for I know no end thereof, *Pſal.* 71. 15.

O that men would therefore praiſe the Lord for his goodneſs, and declare the wonders he doth for the children of men; that they would offer unto him the Sacrifice of thankſgiving, *Pſal.* 107.

O Lord thou art my God, I will exalt thee, I will praiſe thy Name, for thou haſt done wonderful things, *Iſa.* 25. 1.

What ſhall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits he hath done unto me?

I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the LORD. *Pſal.* 116.

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# Comfortable Prayers
# FOR
# Sunday Morning.

*O Lord my God and heavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: Dispose my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, to a true acknowledgment of all my sins, that my prayers may be heard of thee, in the Name of thy Son* Jesus Christ *our Lord.* Amen.

## A Psalm.

HEar me when I call, O God of my Righteousness: for thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble: Have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my Prayer.

My voice ſhalt thou hear betimes, O Lord, early in the Morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art the God that haſt no pleaſure in wickedneſs, neither ſhall any evil dwell with thee.

Therefore, O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chaſten me in thy diſpleaſure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my ſoul; O ſave me for thy mercies ſake.

For in death no man remembreth thee, and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

Wherefore away from me all ye that work vanity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my complaint.

The Lord hath heard my petition, the Lord will receive my prayer.

For why? my righteous God tryeth the very heart and reins.

And my help cometh of God, which preſerveth them that are true of heart.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, and I will ſpeak of all thy marvellous works.

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I will be glad and rejoyce in thee, yea my Songs and Praiſe will I make of thee, O thou moſt Higheſt!

For God is a Righteous Judge, ſtrong and patient, and God is provoked every day.

If a man will not turn, he hath bent his Bow, and will whet his Sword, and make it ready.

## *Morning Prayer.*

MOſt mighty and gracious God, which haſt brought me out of the Nights darkneſs, into the light of thy Truth to ſee the light of thy Love, that I may rejoyce in the day of my Viſitation and Salvation, whereby the day-ſpring from on high hath viſited me, and in the day of Salvation thou wilt ſuccour me. This day make me hear thy voice, and not harden my heart through unbelief or deceitfulneſs of ſin, but that by Faith I may enter into thy promiſed reſt: give grace unto me, O Lord, and to all thy people, to walk warily, diligently and dutifully in my vocation, to do ſuch good works wherewithal thou mayeſt be well pleaſed; and that walking in thy ways, I may work out my ſalvation with fear and trembling; and that all my meditations, thoughts,

words, and works, may tend to the edifying of my Christian Brethren, the discharge of my duty, the consolation of my conscience, and the glorifying of thy most holy Name, which art my God, my Guide, my Saviour and Defender: to whom be all Praise and Glory, Pōwer, Might, Dominion and Majesty, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## *Morning Prayer.*

I Yield thee humble and hearty thanks O heavenly Father, in thy Son Jesus Christ, for thy innumerable benefits poured upon my Soul and Body, and that thou hast kept me this night past from many evils, both Spiritual and Corporal, and of thy great mercy, dost offer and give unto me time and space to repent, and amend my life, so as I might live henceforth, not as I will, but as thou wilt: and as my body doth draw continually nearer and nearer to the end (the grave I mean) so my soul might approach unto his end, that is Heaven, and not Hell: for in one state we stand not still, but either we are nearer the happy state of Life, or else the unhappy condition of Death Eternal. Wherefore, O my dear Father, I beseech thee to be merciful unto me, and as of thy goodness thou givest

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me time to repent, ſo of the ſame thy goodneſs in Chriſt. I humbly beſeech thee to give me thy gracious giſt of true, holy, perfect, and perpetual repentance, that I may more and more lament my former ſinful life, truſting unfeignedly in the rich mercies of thee my God, through the merits of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, for the pardon of all my ſins: And grant, O Lord, I beſeech thee, that I may unfeignedly purpoſe, and effectually labour to amend my life this day, and ſo long as I have to live, to the praiſe of thy Name, and the good example of others. And foraſmuch as thou knoweſt my weakneſs, my ignorance, and great untowardneſs, to carry any croſs or affliction, that Thou wilt of thy merciful goodneſs, ſo temper and order all things towards me this day and ever, that I be never tempted or proved further than I ſhall be able to bear, but ſo to help me in the ſame, as may be moſt for thy Glory, and my comfort. And although (O God) thy Goodneſs, Mercy, and Truth, to Mankind in all thy Works doth abundantly appear; yet herein chiefly Thou declareſt thy ſelf to be moſt favourable, merciful, and gracious, that not ſuffering us to walk in darkneſs, ignorance and blindneſs, Thou haſt given us thy moſt

holy and bleſſed Word, to be a lanthorn to our feet to lighten our ſteps in the path-way of everlaſting Life, leſt we ſhould walk in the ſhadow of death: In which thy moſt bleſſed and ſacred Word, thou haſt finally and perfectly ſet forth unto mankind, ſo much of thy glorious Majeſty as was expedient for us to know; and not only that, but haſt herein alſo fully expreſt thy moſt holy and bleſſed Will, whatſoever is neceſſary for the Salvation of Mankind, to be known, to bring him to life everlaſting. Give me grace, moſt merciful Father, that for ſo high a treaſure left among us, I may be thankful, reverently embrace, accept, and eſteem of the ſame, as the moſt precious jewel in Earth, and be therein confirmed moſt ſtrongly, that all things therein contained be moſt undoubtedly true, not by any mortal Man, but by the moſt Holy Spirit in Man, penned and written to the comfort and behoof of Man: And that I may moſt humbly, lowly, and with moſt high Reverence ſubmit my ſelf thereunto, as becometh thy eternal Majeſty, and the Word proceeding from thy moſt bleſſed mouth: that I may with reverence and obedience, read, hear, and occupy my ſelf in the ſame, to the comfort of my ſoul, and the increaſe of thy

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Glory: Lighten my understanding (most dear Father) with thy most holy Spirit, that I may learn clearly, conceive and understand the things therein contained, which no mortal man can conceive, save those that have learned of thee, and whom thou by thy holy Spirit dost lighten and instruct. Guide me, dear Father, with thy most holy Spirit, that having the true understanding of the mysteries therein contained, I may be fully established and confirmed in the true knowledge of thee my dear Father, and of thy beloved Son my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in conscience throughly perswaded, that I have my full perfect salvation and life everlasting in him, and through his [illegible] by his death and passion. That I do not vainly abuse the knowledge of thy most sacred word to satisfie vain curiosity, or brag of knowledge, but only to the relieving of my hungry and wounded conscience, to the loosing of my fettered soul, and the appeasing of my sorrowful heart: that I may to the end of my life walk in sincerity before thee my heavenly Father, in the comforts of thy dear Son my Saviour, upholden still by the merciful power of the holy Ghost; to them everlasting praise and glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Confeſſion to God the Father.*

O Lord my God, I confeſs unto Thee, that my heart is unclean, that I am of polluted lips, wallowing in the dung, and ſtinking in the rottenneſs of mine own ſin, ſo that I may juſtly tremble to appear before thy glorious preſence, much more to preſent unto thee thy pure praiſes out of my defiled mouth: but who, except thou, O Lord, can make me clean? and what is pure which thou haſt not purged? Therefore, O Father of life, O Lord of Light, with all the Forces of my Soul, I do beſeech thee to help me thy ſervant, whom of thy mercy thou haſt created: cleanſe my filthineſs, lighten my darkneſs, inflame my coldneſs, quicken my dulneſs, awake my drowſineſs, revive my deadneſs: repair the ruins of my Soul, enlarge the frame of the underſtanding thereof, cleanſe it from all earthly corruption, garniſh it with thy heavenly graces, that it may be conveniently both fit and furniſhed to receive Thee, that thou maiſt make thine entry, and poſſeſs that which is thine own, both by Creation, and alſo by Redemption: and that as thou art exalted above all Creatures; ſo above all Creatures, I may honour thee and

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praiſe thee, not with that affection where-with my weakneſs is able, either to do or to deſire, but with that perfection where-with in duty I ſhould, and wherewith thy Saints and Angels indeed do: for what worthy praiſe can I give unto thee, by whoſe goodneſs I was created, by whoſe mercy I was redeemed, by whoſe power I am preſerved, and by whoſe grace I look to be glorified? when I was not, thou didſt make me; when I was loſt and forlorn, thou cameſt down and tookeſt mortality upon thee to redeem me: theſe and many other benefits have I received, ſome in hand, and ſome in hope, although through my own ſinful demeanour, I have almoſt both let go my hold, and loſt my hope: therefore, O Lord, I moſt humbly beſeech thee: ſave thy ſervant, ſave one of thy Members, though poor and feeble; ſave I ſay, a part of thy ſelf, be as great in pardoning thoſe that are ſubmitted unto thee, as in puniſhing thoſe that are rebellious: pour upon my heart the ſweet ſtreams of thy mercies: confirm my life, ſettle my faith, ſettle me in a right and upright courſe, and continue me in the ſame even unto the end: grant this, O Father, through thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, to whom with thee and the

Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *A devout Prayer to Jeſus Chriſt.*

O Moſt ſweet Saviour, and merciful Redeemer Jeſus Chriſt the Son of God, who although thou art High, yet art thou moſt humble; and as thou art Omnipotent, ſo art thou moſt meek; and as thou art moſt Mighty, ſo art thou moſt merciful: to thee O Chriſt the giver of all Felicity, the Father of Heaven hath given all power both in Heaven and in Earth. Thou art the true Paſtor of our Souls, thou art our *Meſſias*, thou caſteth off none that ſue unto thee; but as thou haſt taken away the hand-writing that was againſt us, and haſt faſtned it to the Croſs, ſo art thou ready to impart the merits of thy Paſſion to all ſuch as with true repentance of their ſins, call upon thee faithfully: wherefore my ſweet Saviour, I moſt faithfully and unfeignedly acknowledge the benefits that thou haſt beſtow'd upon me, and ſtedfaſtly believe that thou being an immaculate Lamb, in whoſe mouth was never found guile, didſt ſuffer moſt cruel torments at the hands of ſinners, for the love of us moſt wretched ſinners: for the which cauſe I moſt heartily be-

beſeech thee, and moſt humbly pray thee to accept me into the number of them whom thou wilt receive to mercy and favour; and although I of my ſelf be moſt unworthy thereof, yet thy merits can make me worthy; to them I fly, craving that I may be ſo armed and defended by them that I may ſubdue the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil, even as thou haſt glorioufly conquered Sin, Death, and Hell. Thou ſeeſt, O my Saviour, how I am daily and hourly beſet with theſe three enemies, and ſo hardly beſieged of them, that without thy help, I can by no means eſcape, but that I muſt needs be a prey unto one of them: ſtrengthen me therefore, O Lord, that neither the one with carnal Luſt, neither the other with delectable pleaſures, nor Satan with all his craft, and ſubtil devices, get the dominion over me: thou haſt bought me, thou haſt paid for me; ſave, keep and defend me, be always ready at the voice of my crying; pour into me thy grace patiently to abide thy divine pleaſure in all things: make me both at this preſent, and all the days of my life to have in my mind, and profoundly to root in my heart, the myſteries of thy painful paſſion, and ſo to be filled with remembrance thereof, that ſin

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may no more prevail with me, and that Satan mine old enemy may well perceive that he hath neither part nor fellowſh'p in me, but that I am both Body and Soul altogether thine: to whom, O my ſweet Saviour, with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt, be aſcribed all power, glory, and honour, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer to the Holy Ghoſt.*

O Holy Spirit, worthy of all honour, which makeſt up the Almighty Trinity, which proceedeſt from the Father and the Son, and art equal to either of them in glory, but differing from them but only in property of perſon, which of thy goodneſs, forgiveſt the ſins of them that amend, which with thy holy breath cleanſeſt mens minds, comforting them when they be in ſorrow, cheering them up with pure gladneſs, when they be in heavineſs, leading them into all truth when they be out of the way, kindling in them the fire of charity when they be a cold, knitting them together with the glue of peace when they are at variance, and garniſh them with ſundry gifts which profeſs the Name of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, by whoſe working, all things live which live indeed, whoſe delight is to dwell in the hearts of the

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ſimple, which thou haſt vouchſafed to conſecrate for Temples to thy ſelf, wherefore I do beſeech thee, O dear Father, to maintain thoſe thy gifts in me, and to increaſe them daily more and more, that by thy Governance the luſts of the fleſh may dye in me, and the deſire of the Heavenly Life may quicken and increaſe. Let me ſo paſs, I beſeech thee, O my God, through the miſty deſart of this world ( thy light go before me ) as I may never be defiled with Sarans vices, nor be intangled with any Errors diſagreeing from thy Truth, which the true Catholick Church hath delivered unto us by the inſtinct of thee, which liveſt and raigneſt with the Father and the Son everlaſting; to whom be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

### *A fruitful Prayer to God.*

O My dear Lord and God, what is this World? it is evil, it is a place of vain pleaſure, a cage of iniquity, or rather lump of miſery; and what am I, Lord, what am I, but a friend of this preſent evil World, and an enemy to thee? what am I but a child of wrath, and ſon of darkneſs, ſo glued to ſin, and lymed with iniquity, that my body is a body of ſin? what then, O Lord,

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ſhall I do? ſhall the mountain of ſin oppreſs me, or the world with the baits of vanity ſo choak me, that I ſhall never like an Eagle fly to the carcaſe, nor be able to cry for help to thee the only Morning Star, which are wont to ſpread forth the beams of comfort unto the needy in time of extremity? O Lord my God, give me the wings of Faith to flee unto thee, and pour upon me the dew of thy bleſſing, that I may bud and bear the fruit of holineſs, through the operations of thy gracious beams: Give me thy Grace, that I fail not in my vocation, that I may do good, and eſchew evil, and ſo make good that vow which I made unto thee in my Baptiſm. Save me from falling, and ſtay my feet from ſlipping, by thy holy Word, which is the glaſs of thy Will, that being guided over this miſty deſart, I may arrive at the land of Promiſe, and Palace of reſt in a lively faith, through thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the Church, and true worſhip of GOD.*

O Moſt gracious God and loving Father, look in favour, I do beſeech thee, upon the Church generally diſperſed thoughout

throughout the whole World, and whom by the malice of Satan, and tyranny of Antichriſt, thou ſeeſt continually aſſailed with many and great dangers. Be thou therefore, O Lord, a caſtle of defence, a buckler and rock ſtrong and forcible, to withſtand the force and fury of all adverſaries that riſe up againſt it. And for the better comfort, endue it with faith unfeigned, wherein it and every member thereof, may ſafely run and repair under the ſhadow of thy ſacred wings, whenſoever perils approach. Graciouſly guide and goven it, by taking the defence thereof into thine own hands, to whom it ſpecially and alone belongeth; and let it hold on the true courſe of profeſſing and practiſing of thy true Religion, that the adverſaries thereof may have no cauſe to condemn it through ſin, which howſoever it may ſeem to dwell in the moſt godly while we live here; yet let us always have an eye and diligent watch over all our thoughts, words, and works, that our light may ſhine to thy Glory, our good, and example to others, in Peace and War, in Comfort and Calamity, and not to be diſmayed at any noiſe and report of the greateſt danger whatſoever. Thou art, O Lord my God, my only comfort and

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riches; what am I, that I dare ſpeak unto thee? I am thy poor ſervant, yea, and much more poor and vile, than I either know, or dare ſhew forth: and yet Lord I remember this one thing, that I am nothing, that I have nothing, and that I am nothing worth: Thou alone art Good, thou alone art Righteous, thou alone art Holy: Thou knoweſt all, thou doſt all, thou filleſt all: only the wicked thou ſendeſt empty away: remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and fill me with thy favour: Thou wilt that none of thy works ſhould ſerve in vain: for how can I ſtand upright in this wretched world, unleſs thy mercy and favour hold me up? turn not therefore thy cheerful countenance from thy ſervant, defer not to help me from day to day, withdraw not thy comfort, that my Soul be not as the thirſty Land, but teach me to do thy Will, for that thou, O my God, art my wiſdom, and knoweſt what is meet and convenient for me, to whom with the Son and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Glory for ever. *Amen.*

Prayers

# Prayers for Sunday Night.

O *Lord my God and Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart; and open my lips,* &c.

## A Pſalm.

HOW long wilt thou forget me? O Lord, forever? how long wilt thou hide thy Face from me?

How long ſhall I ſeek counſel in my ſoul, and be ſo vexed in my heart? how long ſhall mine enemies triumph over me?

Conſider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I ſleep not in death.

For why? my truſt is in thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in thy ſalvation.

Therefore will I ſing of the Lord, becauſe he hath dealt ſo lovingly with me; yea, I will praiſe the Name of the Lord moſt Higheſt.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning, my reins alſo chaſten me in the Night ſeaſon.

I have ſet God always before me, for he is on my right hand, therefore I ſhall not fall.

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Wherefore my heart was glad, and my Glory rejoyced, my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why, thou shalt not leave my soul in Hell, neither shalt thou suffer thine holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the paths of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

So shall he hear me out of his holy Temple, and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

He shall send down from the height to fetch me, and shall take me out of many waters.

Thou shalt also light my candle; the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper, and blessed be the God of my Salvation.

*Glory be to the Father*, &c.

## *A Confeſſion to God.*

O Lord my God, and everlaſting Father, I do acknowledge and confeſs before thy High and Glorious Majeſty, that I was bred and born in ſin and corruption: and that ſince my birth I have not ceaſed, nor do ceaſe daily to tranſgreſs thy holy commandments, in reſpect whereof I cannot eſcape ruine and deſtruction, according to thy rightful juſtice: yet notwithſtanding, foraſmuch as I am ſorry, that I have offended thee my Lord and God, and do condemn both my ſelf and my ſin, receive me to mercy; and as it hath pleaſed thee to love us, even when we were thine enemies, and for aſſurance thereof, to give unto us thine only and well-beloved Son, to be a Mediator and Advocate between thee and us, promiſing us to obtain whatſoever we ſhall ask of thee in his Name; vouchſafe, O moſt loving God, and dear Father, to pardon and forgive me in his Name, and for his ſake, and not only to cleanſe my heart from all vanity and uncleanneſs, but alſo to govern and guide me by thy holy Spirit, in all my ways, that I may live according to thy holy and heavenly Will, all the days of my life, to the glory of

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thy Name, through the ſame thy well-beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be praiſe and glory for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer againſt the temptations and malice of Satan.*

O Heavenly Father, and eternal God, unto thee do we cry: Protect and ſtrengthen us, O Lord, againſt the temptations of Satan, which is the ſworn and extream enemy to our Salvation, a ſtanderer, and our accuſer, who rageth and rangeth in a deadly hatred againſt thy Flock, and by all means ſeeketh the deſtruction of all mankind, divers and ſundry ways laying ſnares to intrap us and our Souls, preying for any occaſion whereby he may allure us unto ſhameful offending: for as many corporal affections as be in man, ſo many occaſions doth he take to tempt us, and thereby to wound us: He layeth ſnares to take us in wealth, in poverty, in pleaſure, and in the inticements of the fleſh, in anguiſh of mind, in ambition and deſire of glory, in the weariſomneſs of our calling and inferiour condition, in cares both for the back and the belly, and in luſt of revenge, night and day: whether

ther we ſleep or wake, he is always about to devour us, that our ſenſes may be corrupted from the ſimplicity that we owe unto Chriſt, even as the Serpent deceived *Eve* by his ſubtilty. Therefore, O thou Son of God, which art the bleſſed ſeed, bruiſing the head of the Serpent, bring and bruiſe this mine enemy (Satan) under thy feet: Thou my chief Champion, which of thine own accord, enteredſt into temptation, that ſo thou mighteſt, as it were, hand to hand wreſtle with this mine enemy, and purchaſe a triumph for me by thy victory; hold him faſt bound that he exerciſe not his cruelty upon me as he deſireth, but make me partaker of thy victory: that even as thou haſt in thy body overcome Satan, ſo utterly ſuppreſs him in me thy unworthy ſervant: and I beſeech thee, O Lord, to give unto me thy whole Armour, that I may, like a right good Souldier, reſiſt in the evil day, and vanquiſh this my ſtrong enemy: gird me with the truth; put upon me the breaſtplate of Righteouſneſs, and let me be ſhod and prepared for the Goſpel of peace; and above all things give me the ſhield of Faith, which can extinguiſh all the fiery darts of wicked ſpirits; beſtow upon

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me the Helmet of ſalvation, with the ſword of the Spirit, and the Word of God, that through thee I may encounter valiantly, and glorioufly attain the Victory: And Holy Spirit, Almighty GOD, comfort thou and ſtrengthen my mind againſt ſo divers conflicts of Satan, which beſet me by many ſnares, and eſpecially then moſt of all, when I ſeek deliverance by other means than by thy word revealed: and grant, that leaving thy Word delivered unto me, I look not after new revelations, or violent raviſhings, but may reſiſt the Devil by thy word and power during my whole life. O dear Father, to whom it is more eaſie to do all things, than for me to think any good thing: Do thou but ſpeak a word, and thy deadly ſick ſervant (my ſoul) ſhall be made whole: Help, O Lord, for thy great mercies ſake, for thy truth ſake, and for thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, and let thy ſtrength ſuffice againſt my weakneſs, and thy holy Spirit againſt my ſinful Fleſh and old man: Thou art faithful, O Father, who haſt promiſed that I ſhall not be tempted further than thou wilt make meable to bear: Give now therefore thy grace and ſtrength unto thy ſervant, that I may with a ſtrong faith in thine infallible Truth

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and promised mercy, vanquish and subdue whatsoever rebelleth against thy most blessed will: preserve and keep holy my soul and body, and let them not be defiled, and made a dungeon of wicked Spirits, through delectation in sin. Shall now alas, the Devil, the World, or the Flesh, pluck from thee, that thing that presently cryeth to thee with assured trust in thy promised help? Nay Father, but grant that I may by thy mighty Power turn all their crafts, deceits, and raging assaults unto the increase of my faith, and that by experience of thy fatherly assistance, in this my present temptation, I may with assured hope and trust in thy ready help and comfort, overcome my sad enemies hereafter in like assaults, and praise thy holy Name for the Victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all power, praise, and glory for ever, World without end. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for grace to do the will of* GOD.

O Most bountiful Father, extend thy favour towards me, and let it be with me, and labour with me, unto the end; and give me thy grace to wish and to covet such things

things as may be grateful to thee, and acceptable in thy ſight, let thy will be mine, and let me always follow thine, and agree therewith: Grant that I may like that which thou doſt, and never like or miſlike any thing but that which thou doſt like or miſlike. Aſſiſt me, O Lord, to crucifie my ſelf to all worldly things: ſet me free from wicked affections of the mind, and heal my ſoul of all unbridled deſires and ſins, that being inwardly healed, and purged throughly, I may be made fit to love, ſtrong to ſuffer, and conſtantly to continue: And above all things, grant that I may have reſt and peace in Thee; for thou art the true peace, thou art alone the quietneſs of mind, and without thee all things are hard and troubleſome; In this peace, that is in thee alone which art the chiefeſt and everlaſting felicity, I will repoſe my ſelf both now and forever, and conſtantly perſevere and continue in the ſame through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer not to diſtruſt the mercy of God.*

THY mercy, O Lord my God, endureth for ever, and thy loving kindneſs towards thy Children, is not able to be uttered; the truth of thy promiſe never faileth thine Elect: Thou haſt made calm the troubled waves of wavering thoughts which overwhelm my ſoul, and brought me to the quiet Haven of thy merciful protection and defence, and haſt delivered mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling, and my heart from diſtruſt: O Lord my God and loving Father, let this thy great mercy and loving kindneſs ſhewed upon me, never depart out of my mind and heart, but that I may be thereof continually mindful all the days of my life: And for theſe thy unſeparable mercies towards me, grant good Lord, that I may have a thankful heart to render due honour, praiſe, and thankſgiving unto thy Majeſty: acknowledging from the bottom of my heart thy wonderful works in me: And that I may hereof be more aſſured, I beſeech thee good Lord, that as thou haſt begun to deliver me, ſo I may feel more and more

daily thy good will and mercy towards me, increaſe in me true underſtanding of thy heavenly Will, and thy bleſſed Word: ſtrengthen my faith in thy loving promiſes, that I may be aſſured of thy protection, and mine election and ſalvation: Make me daily more and more to love Thee, my dear Father, and God, unfeignedly, for all thy goodneſs ſhewed unto me, to have my full delight and joy in thee, and walk before thee in ſincerity of heart, and godly converſation: that I may here on Earth glorifie thy Name; and after this life with all thy faithful flock, poſſeſs that everlaſting inheritance, which thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord hath purchaſed; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to be always bent to Heavenly things.*

O I would to God, that that day might once *Shine*, in the which I might ſee my Redeemer, and all theſe temporal days would end! for the days of this world are few, ſhort, full of evil and ſorrow, where man is defiled with many ſins, oppreſs'd with griefs and cares, diſturbed

disturbed with thoughts, wrapp'd in vanities, compassed with errours, molested with temptation, drowned in sensuality, and crucified with poverty: O when shall there be an end of these manifold and miserable labours? when shall I be delivered from the miserable bondage of wickedness? when shall I only remember thee, O Lord? when shall I fully and perfectly rejoyce in thee? when shall I be out of all danger, and delivered from all griefs of Body and Soul, and come to true liberty? when shall I rest in that quiet, secure, and undisturbed peace, where peace is both within and without in all things? O Lord *Jesus*, when shall I see thee, and behold the Glory of thy Kingdom, which thou hast prepared for thine Elect from the beginning? I do wish to be joyned to Heavenly things, but temporal Pleasure, and mortal passions, keep me back from them; In mind I would fain vanquish all wickedness and vice, but yet I am constrained to be subject to the forward flesh, and I unhappy wretch am at controversie with my self: for whilst my soul aspireth upward, my flesh draweth downward: O what passions do I inwardly suffer! For when my soul beginneth to contemplate of Heavenly things, then presently heaps of car-

nal thoughts withdraw me from Prayer. O my God donot linger from me! depart not in anger from thy ſervant: Thunder forth thy Lightening-bolt, and diſperſe my worldly thoughts abroad, and drive away all the temptations of mine enemy: Turn my ſenſes unto thee, O my dear Father, and make me to forget all earthly things: Grant that I may caſt off all ſinful thoughts and fantaſies: O eternal verity ſuccour me to the end that no vanity do tempt or remove me from thee: O heavenly Father help me! for all vanity and impureneſs melteth before thy face, which liveſt and reigneſt ever one God, in Power and Glory world without end. *Amen.*

## *An Evening Prayer.*

O Eternal God, and merciful Father, hear my voice, and liſten to my Prayers, and forgive all my ſins which this day I have done in the ſight of thee, and be not angry with thy ſervant for ever, but liſten unto thine only begotten Son, which maketh interceſſion to thee for me; for his ſake hear me, and have mercy upon me: defend me this night (of thy merciful goodneſs) from unclean

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and troubleſome ſpirits, and from the ſnares and illuſions of the Devil: preſerve me from all dangers, and ſave my Body and Soul from deſtruction: and grant that this night, I may ſleep quietly without grief or trouble, that in darkneſs I may behold with the eyes of my heart, the light of thy countenance ſhineing upon me; for in thee alone do I truſt; Thou art my Lord and God, into thy hands I commend my ſoul and body now and ever: Therefore O Lord, let thy unſpeakable mercy preſerve me, thy endleſs ſweetneſs rejoyce me, thy heavenly truth ſtrengthen me, thy knowledge embrace me, and thy goodneſs keep me, now and evermore. *Amen.*

## Prayers for Monday Morning.

O *Lord my God and Heavenly Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit,* &c.

### A Pſalm.

HElp me, O God of my Salvation, for the glory of thy Name; O deliver me, and be merciful unto my ſin, for thy Names ſake.

O remember not mine old ſins, but have mercy upon me, and that ſoon: for I am come to great miſery.

My Soul hath a deſire and longing to enter into the Courts of the Lord, my heart and my fleſh rejoyceth in the Living God.

Bleſſed are they that dwell in thy Houſe, they will be always praiſing thee.

Preſerve thou my ſoul therefore, O my God, and ſave thy ſervant that puts his truſt in thee.

O comfort the ſoul of thy ſervant, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my ſoul: For thou Lord art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee

And bleſſed is the man whoſe ſtrength is in thee, and in whoſe heart are thy ways.

O Lord I have cryed day and night before thee, O let my Prayer enter into thy preſence: incline thine ear to my calling.

And be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon thee, for thou doſt wondrous things, thou art God alone.

O turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, give thy ſtrength unto thy ſervant, and help the ſon of thy handmaid.

Shew ſome good token upon me for good, that they which hate me may ſee it, and be aſhamed, becauſe thou Lord haſt holpen me, and comforted me.

O ſatisfie me with thy mercy, and that ſoon, ſo ſhall I rejoyce and be glad all the days of my life.

Shew thy ſervants thy work, and thy children thy Glory.

And the glorious Majeſty of the Lord my God be upon me: proſper thou the work of my hands upon me, O proſper thou my handy-work.

## *A Morning Prayer.*

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, which gaveſt the children of *Iſreal* in charge, to offer a daily Morning and Evening Sacrifice unto thee, that thereby they may glorifie and thank thee for the benefit of their protection both night and day; receive of me, O Lord, the calves of my lips which I lay upon thine Altar, being my morning Sacrifice of thankſgiving unto thee: I glorifie thee, O eternal God, for thou haſt broken the bands wherewith I was tyed this night, by reaſon of the midſt of darkneſs, and haſt delivered me from the ſhadow of death, by bringing me ſafe and ſound to the beginning of this day: wherefore I will praiſe thy Name, and magnifie thee for ever. O Lord continue thy goodneſs towards me this day, and grant that all my Prayers and works may both begin and end in thee: vouchſafe, O Lord, to keep me this day without ſin, and fill me in this preſent hour with thy favour and Grace, that all this day and ever I may rejoyce and delight in thy Praiſes: Grant merciful God, that deſcending into my ſoul, I may reprehend and condemn

mine own ſports and vices within me: deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, and ſave me from a deceitful tongue: keep me, O Lord, from the edge of the Sword, from ſudden death, from the infectious peſtilence, from mortal ſickneſs, and deadly vexation. O Almighty ſanctifier, both within and without, keep me this day from danger of blood-thirſty men whoſe feet are ſwift to ſhed blood. For into thy hands this day and ever I commend my ſpirit: and that I may watch upon thee my Maker both night and day, beſeeching thee to protect me in the day of my trouble, that the Enemy have no advantage of me: and grant, O Lord, that if in thy juſtice for puniſhment of my ſin, or of thy gracious favour for trial of my Faith, and exerciſe of my patience, thou ſuffer me to fall into any diſtreſs or danger: to give me I beſeech thee a contented mind, to yield to thy good pleaſure, and aſſured hope and belief, as all things are wrought to thy Glory, ſo they may work for the beſt unto me as one that loveth thee: Grant this, O moſt merciful Father; To whom with thy Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for forgiveneſs of ſins.*

O God, the God of my Salvation, I do here acknowledge my ſins unto thee, and mine iniquites I have not hid: Wherefore, O my God, turn thy face towards me, and let thy loving mercy ever more and more extend unto me; for I am miſerable, ſinful, and poor, and I come unto thee the fountain of all help. Forgive my ſins, waſh me and I ſhall be whiter than ſnow: let me talk of thy old loving kindneſſes that have been ever of old, ready to forgive, and to embrace them that turn from their evil ways, as appeareth by *David*, *Peter*, and many others, who repenting of their ſins, found favour: Wherefore have mercy upon me, O God, have mercy upon me: and according to the multitude of thy compaſſions, do away mine iniquities: O cleanſe me from my ſecret ſins, and cover my known ſins with the Righteouſneſs of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt: remove mine iniquities far away from thee, and be not angry with thy ſervant for ever: O enter not in to judgment with thy ſervant; for if no fleſh before thee be juſtified, what ſhall become of me who have ſo highly offended; Lord my God, full of mercy and pity, I

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appeal unto thee, I flee unto thee, I reſt upon thee, leave thy diſpleaſure againſt me; and how weak ſoever and unable I am to ſtand in thy preſence, yet let thy ſpirit of ſtrength hold me up, and ſay unto me, Fear not, for my Grace is ſufficient for thee. I take upon thy love, I reſt upon thy favour in Chriſt, reject me not, though there be no good in me: Pour down that abſolute good thing, even thy Grace, and let it direct to amendment of life. Thou haſt ſaid, that thou art well-pleaſed in Chriſt thy Son, in him be thou alſo pleaſed with me, and receive me again into thy love, through his merits, by whom every ſinner receiveth free acceſs unto thee; and although I for my part, moſt loving Lord, am a veſſel full of many faults and enormities; yet dear Father have mercy upon me, and caſt me not from thy preſence, but rather endue me again with a new Spirit, and a lively feeling of thy Will, and an ableneſs to do hereafter, that I may fill up the reſidue of my days in ſincerity, holineſs, and righteouſneſs, and in the due ſervice of thee; that from henceforth, inſtead of ſtraying from thee, I may dwell and be ſhrowded under the ſhadow of thy wings: and that inſtead of ſin

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which hath miſcarried me, I may embrace Piety, Godlineſs, and true Zeal: and inſtead of ignorance, whereby I have ſo long gone aſtray, I may take hold of thy ſaving truth, that it may be a lanthorn unto my feet, and a light unto my paths, that I may reſt ſafe in thee through a lively faith that never decayeth: and here I wait for thy loving kindneſs and mercy, O Lord, promiſed in Chriſt, in whom I am bold with deep ſighs of heart, to cry, and ſay, Lord forgive mine offences, cover my ſins, and lay not my former evils to my charge: And for the better performance of this my duty unto thee, from henceforth (good Lord) quench all the corrupt motions of my mind, ſtriving with thy divine pleaſure; that being thus inwardly renewed in my mind, and reformed in my converſation, I may ſerve thee with gladneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all glory and honour for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for knowledge to do the will of God.*

O Lord God and Heavenly Father, the God of all wiſdom and underſtanding, I acknowledge, that by thy juſt ſentence in that general corruption, which I have drawn from *Adam*'s loins, I am deprived of all

all ſpiritual wiſdom and knowledge of thee and thy will, and that there is nothing in man, but blockiſh and beaſtly ignorance, ſuch as ſpringeth from infidelity, and is moſt contrary to thy will: There is none that underſtandeth, there is none that ſeeketh God: O Lord have mercy upon me, moſt miſerable and vaile wretch, and open mine eyes that I may ſee the myſteries of thy profound and excellent truth; increaſe, O Lord, all holy deſires in me, to attain the knowledge of thy will; let my whole delight be in it to meditate therein day and night, that it may be more precious unto me than Gold and Silver many times fined. Further, howſoever thy graces and gifts, O Lord, are to be acknowledged in men; yet becauſe thy good pleaſure is ſo, that all men ſhould carry the ſcars of ignorance and infirmity: draw in my whole delight, I beſeech thee, and kindle all my affections, to the love of thy Law and Teſtimonies, and to thoſe Scriptures that were written, and indited by thine own ſelf, and thy ſpirit; for thoſe, good Lord, contain thy whole will in that everlaſting Covenant that thou haſt ſtricken with thy Saints: This O Lord, is that well-ſpring of wiſdom and grace that ſhall make us wiſe before thee, howſoever

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the world condemn it of madneſs and folly: Teach thou me, O Lord, and I ſhall be taught: open thou mine eyes that I may ſee the excellent things of thy Law: reform my heart, that ſelf-love and vain-glory may be quite vanquiſhed and ſlain in me, that I may only ſet before mine eyes thy glory: O gracious God, ſpoil this power of Satan in me, that by thy means thy good gifts of knowledge and wiſdom be not abuſed againſt thee, thy Goſpel and Glory; that I be not carried through emulation, ſpite, or envy of any mans credit, or gifts, to ſet my ſelf againſt thy truth; but give me true humility, that above all things I may rejoyce in the advancement and praiſe of thy Name, whether it be with my honour or ſhame, with my peace or trouble, with good report or evil report: I know O Lord, that true wiſdom is from thee alone, and that thou haſt ſo ordained thy ſervants in ſo gracious a diſpenſation of thy gifts, that they who have the greateſt need of theirs that are the leaſt; the greateſt Maſter-builders, of them that are but labourers, and basket-bearers in thy Church: The unity of thy Spirit, and the bond of Peace, knit us faſt together, and hold us into reverence each other, and to be at one in

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thy work : O knit our hearts together, that we may all ſeek thee to thy eternal Praiſe; to whom only belongeth Renown, Glory and Honour, for ever, *&c.*

### *A fruitful Prayer to God.*

ALmighty and Eternal God my Creator and lover, I praiſe, adore, and bleſs Thee; for that in my offences and ungrateſulneſs, thou haſt ſo mercifully and leiſurably forborn and ſuffered me to live even to this hour, whereunto thou by thy benefits has brought me, giving unto me thy wretched ſervant, life and neceſſaries thereunto belonging, appointing Angels to be my keepers : O my good God, who knoweth whether till evening my life ſhall be prolonged, or what death is appointed for me : O merciful God and Heavenly Father, grant that I may with hearty repentance truly repent my ſins, and inwardly bewail that ever I offended thy Godly Majeſty : ſuffer not my ſoul to depart this body, before it be (through thy mercy) perfectly reconciled unto thee by grace, and bedecked with thy merits and vertues : O merciful Saviour, if theſe things I deſire, ſtand with thy Pleaſure and Will, grant them I beſeech thee, although I be not worthy to be heard :

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And in thy mercy, grant that by the merits of thy paſſion, I may be purged from all my ſins; and that at the hour of my death, I may be ſtricken with true and vehement contrition, and being knit with thee in perfect charity, I may immediately fleet unto thee my ſweet Redeemer, ſafely from all damnation, deſiring this one thing at thy hands, that thou wilt remember my fragility, unworthineſs, unſtableneſs, and miſeries, together with thine own goodneſs and moſt charitable mercy, praying thee never to forſake me, or leave me, but that thou wilt always poſſeſs and govern me, according to thy will; to whom be all glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to be reſtored to God's Favour.*

O Almighty and everlaſting God, and Father, which haſt made Heaven and Earth, and all things therein contained! O incomprehenſible unity! O always to be worſhipped moſt bleſſed Trinity! I humbly beſeech thee, and pray thee, by the aſſumption and crucified humanity of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that thou wouldeſt drive from me all kind of wickedneſs and ſin, creating in me a clean heart, and a right ſpirit: O Lord Jeſus, I beſeech thy goodneſs,

neſs, for the exceeding great love which drew thee out of thy fathers boſom, in the womb of thy holy Virgin, and for the aſſumption of mans nature, wherein it pleaſed thee to ſave me, and to deliver me from eternal death; That thou wouldſt draw me out of my ſelf unto thee my Lord God: And grant that this my love may recover again to me thy grace to increaſe and make perfect in me that which is wanting, to raiſe up in me that is fallen, to reſtore to me that which I have loſt, and to quicken in me that which is dead and ſhould live: That ſo I may become comfortable unto thee in all my life and converſation, Thou dwelling in me, and I in thee, my heart being ſuppled with thy grace, and ſettled in thy Faith for ever: O my God, looſe and ſet at liberty my Spirit from all inferiour things, govern my Soul, and ſo work, that both in ſoul and body I may be holy, and live to thy Glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to Chriſt to reſt in his Love.*

O My moſt loving *Saviour*, I have choſen thee, I wiſh and look for thee, I run to meet thee, and I do renounce all things that are not of thee, whatſoever thou wilt I will,

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and whatſoever thou wilt not, I forſake and utterly deteſt in my heart: and whatſoever ſhall hereafter happen unto me contrary to this preſent choice of my mind, not to impute the ſame unto me, but according to this choice of my ſoul judge me. For all things which I ought not to do, I utterly forſake them; and if at any time hereafter, I ſhall chance by any ſiniſter occaſion, to agree to any thing that may be a cauſe to withdraw thy mercy from me, I do now at this preſent hour utterly deteſt them: And here, O my ſweet Saviour and Redeemer, if it pleaſe thee, or ſtand with thy Glory, grant I beſeech thee in this my preſent life, that I may be delivered and preſerved from all offences wherein I have offended, and from all the pains whereunto deſervedly I ought to come after my death, and that thou wilt with the hands of thy mercy immediately after this life receive my ſoul into everlaſting joy and felicity, there to reign with thee for ever. *Amen*.

## *A Prayer to God to grant our Petitions.*

O *Chriſt*, which art the ſtrength of the weak, and the ſalvation of all believers, and an aider of the oppreſſed, yea, our life and ſafe-guard in the peril of death, I beſeech

ſeech thee, that pitying mine Afflictions, thou wilt vouchſafe to grant me my petitions, which at this time I have asked at thy hands; ſo ſhall I ſerve thee here in the Kingdom of Grace, and hereafter in thy Kingdom of Glory, where I beſeech thee, O Lord, that I may have a place to dwell with thee eternally, which liveſt with God the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt everlaſtingly; to whom be Praiſe and Glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Prayers for Monday Night.

*O Lord my God and Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart, and open my lips*, &c.

### A Pſalm.

MY Song ſhall be of mercy and judgment: Unto thee, O Lord, will I ſing.

O let me have underſtanding in the way of Godlineſs.

When wilt thou come unto me? I will walk in my houſe with a perfect heart.

I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the ſins of unfaithfulneſs, there ſhall no ſuch cleave unto me.

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Hear my Prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble, incline thine Ears unto me; when I call, O hear me, and that right ſoon.

My days are gone like a ſhadow, and I am withered like graſs.

But thou, O Lord, endureſt for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all Generations.

And I ſaid, O my God, take me not away in the midſt of mine age: As for thy years, they endure throughout all Generations.

Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praiſe his Holy Name.

Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Which forgiveth all thy ſin, and healeth all thine infirmity.

Which ſaveth thy life from deſtruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindneſs.

He will not always be chiding, neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

For look how high the Heaven is in compariſon of the Earth, ſo great is his mercy alſo towards them that fear him. *Glory be to the Father*, &c.

*Confeſſion*

### *Confeſſion to God the Father.*

O Lord Almighty, the God of our Father, and Lord of Mercy, which haſt made Heaven and Earth, with all their Ornaments, which haſt bound the Sea by the word of thy Commandment, which haſt ſhut up the deep, and ſeal'd it by thy terrible and glorious Name, whom all do fear and tremble before thy *Power*, for the Majeſty of thy *Glory* cannot be born, and thy angry threatnings towards ſinners is importable; but thy merciful promiſes are unmeaſurable, and unſearchable, for Thou art the Lord God moſt High above all the Earth, long-ſuffering and moſt merciful, and ſorry for the malice of men; and thou, O Lord, according to thy great Goodneſs, and of thine infinite Mercies, haſt appointed repentance unto ſinners, that they might be ſaved. Therefore thou, O Lord, that art the God of the juſt, haſt not appointed repentance to thoſe which ſtand to juſtify themſelves in thy ſight; but thou haſt appointed repentance unto me that am a ſinner; for I have ſinned, O Lord, I have ſinned above the number of the ſands of the Sea: my tranſgreſſions, O Lord, my tranſgreſſions are multiplied, and are exceeding many

many, ſo as I am not worthy to behold, or lift up mine eyes unto the Heavens, for the multitude of my unrighteouſneſs. I have provoked thine anger O Lord, and done evil before thee, in committing abominations, and multiplying of offences: Now therefore I bow the knees of my heart, beſeeching thee for Grace: I have ſinned, O Lord, I have ſinned, and I acknowledge my wickedneſs, deſiring thee by Prayer to forgive me: O Lord forgive me, and deſtroy me not with mine iniquities, neither do thou always remember mine evils to puniſh them, but ſave me that am unworthy, according to thy great mercies: And I moſt humbly beſeech thee, O Lord, not to ſuffer my ſoul to periſh, which *Thou* haſt bought ſo dearly with thy moſt precious Blood, and make me poor in *Spirit* and low of *Heart*, ſubmitting me wholly into thy hands: ſo as my deſire and my delight may be always to do thy will and pleaſure, which is always good and godly: and grant my poor ſoul reſt in thee; for thou haſt ſaid, *They ſhall never be confounded that put their truſt in thee*: which truſt, good Lord, grant me never to forſake for any vain truſt, temptation or tribulation that may happen to vex my ſoul; but grant me thy holy Spirit to comfort and defend

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me from all things that ſhould procure thy diſpleaſure: Thou that art in Trinity one God and Lord over all, give ear to my Prayer, and pardon all my ſins, ſo ſhall I praiſe thee for ever and ever all the days of my life, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, to whom be glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to Jeſus Chriſt.*

O Jeſus, thou Son of God, have mercy upon me, and forgive the great offences which I have done in the ſight of thee this day: and give me grace, O Lord, for the love of thee, to deſpiſe ſin and worldly vanity. O Jeſus help me to overcome the temptations of ſin, and the malice of my ſpiritual enemy, and ſtrengthen my ſoul and body to exerciſe the works of virtue, whereby I may come to thy everlaſting joy and felicity.

Grant me a faſt purpoſe, O merciful Jeſus, to amend my life, and to remove the ſins of my youth far from me; Jeſus lighten me with Ghoſtly Wiſdom for to know thy goodneſs, and thoſe things which are moſt acceptable unto thee; and give me grace to give good and profitable example, that none may be hurt by me; make me to proceed from virtue to virtue, until I be grown a per-

a perfect man in thee. Let me not return to thoſe ſins which by my confeſſion have accuſed me, and with ſorrow have oppreſſed me: The horrible ſentence of endleſs death, the terrible judgment of damnation, thy wrath, ire, and indignation, merciful Lord, let never fall upon me; Jeſus give me grace to fly evil company; and when I come among them, I beſeech thee to preſerve me, that no occaſion of ſin overcome me: keep my mouth, O Lord, from ſlanderous ſpeaking, lying, falſe witneſs bearing, curſing, ſwearing, uncharitable chiding, diſſolute laughing, and words of vanity. O ſweet Jeſus make me perſeverant in the bleſſed ſervice of Thee, in holy Exerciſes, and vertuous Meditations: Lord keep my Soul and Body, and make me to ſlay all ſinful delectation, and patiently to ſuffer injuries and rebukes, in following thine own moſt Holy and bleſſed Example. Provide, good Lord, that life for me which thou knoweſt moſt for thine-honour, and my comfortable ſtay in thee; Jeſus grant me, ſpecially in the time of Prayer, to fix my mind on thee, and thou to remember my wretchedneſs. The blood that ran from thy bleſſed heart, waſh my ſoul from all ſin and iniquity, and purchaſe to me thy grace, faithfully

faithfully to ſerve thee, O my Lord God, my might, my life, my light, lead me and feed me in this mortality, and at the hour of death, when I ſhall be accuſed before thee, have mercy upon me, break my froward heart, and make it obedient unto thee. From ſuddain and unprovided death, good Lord, deliver me; by the virtue of thy moſt excellent and glorious Divinity; by the virtue of thine incarnation, and by the merits of thy paſſion and reſurrection, grant me theſe ſupplications which I have made to thee: and by thy own and only mediation, purchaſe for me a gracious life, and a bleſſed ending; and after my bodily death, give me everlaſting life with endleſs bliſs, that I may reign with thee for ever and ever, in the world to come. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the attaining of a free and quiet mind.*

O Moſt gracious and merciful God, keep me, I beſeech thee, from the cares of this world, that I be never too much intangled therein, by reaſon of the manifold things which this body needeth: nor taken with the vain delight of that which doth hurt the ſoul; nor finally broken and over-

thrown with ſorrow: I ſay not from thoſe things which the vain world doth greedily hunt after, but from thoſe miſeries which ſuppreſs the mind of thy ſervant, by a common and penal courſe of mortality, and ſo withdraw me that I cannot enter into by the freedom of thy Spirit: O my God, which art ſweetneſs unſpeakable, make all fleſhly joy, which withdraweth me from the love of eternal things, to be grievous and odious unto me: Let not fleſh and blood, O my God, let not fleſh and blood overcome me: Let not the World, and the vain glory thereof, deceive me; nor Satan with his ſubtilty ſupplant me: Give me ſtrength to reſiſt, patience to endure, and conſtancy to perſevere unto the end. Grant me for the comfort of thy *Word*, the moſt comfortable Oyntment of the Holy Ghoſt: And for the luſt of the fleſh, pour on me the love of thy Name. The very meat, drink, and apparel, with other things neceſſary for the nouriſhment of the body, are even *burthenſome* to a *fervent ſpirit*: But grant, O Lord, that I may uſe thoſe things moderately, and never be ſnared with an over-greedy deſire of them: All things are now to be rejected, for their nature would decay: Again, to covet ſuperflu-

perfluous and every pleaſing thing, thy ſacred Commandments to forbid; for the fleſh would inſult over the ſpirit: Wherefore between thoſe things let thy hand direct me, O Lord, and teach me to do nothing out of meaſure. Grant this, O moſt merciful Father, to whom with the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for Hope.*

O Eternal Father, the author and giver of all Hope and Comfort, I beſeech thee to fill me with all joy and peace, in believing, that I may abound in hope, through the Power of the Holy Ghoſt: and above hope, in hope believing, may never doubt of thy Promiſes, but in a ſure confidence of heart, apply to my ſelf the remiſſion of my ſins, and believe verily that I pleaſe thee in Jeſus Chriſt, and looking in a certain and ſtrong hope, for the ſalvation of my ſoul in the life to come. And albeit, the helps and happineſs of this preſent world appear not unto me; yet I beſeech thee, O Lord, let me retain a ſtedfaſt hope among all the terrors of conſcience, and never ſuffer the ſame to be taken away from me by any

ſnare of Satan. O thou only begotten Son of God, which haſt loved me, and given me everlaſting comfort in hope through grace: Comfort my heart, and eſtabliſh my heart in every word and good work; that I ſtick not uncertain, neither be toſſed between hope and fear; but may hold faſt the confidence and rejoycing of hope unto the end: And aſſiſt me, O my God, and Father, I beſeech thee, that in all the ways of temptation and troubles in this world, I may patiently depend on thee, looking for corporal deliverance, according to thy will: And though the ſame come not as I wiſh, but be kept from me for a ſeaſon, yet let me never doubt of thine aid and deliverance, but hope that coming it will come: And I beſeech thee, O Lord, to grant me thy grace; that having this hope, I may purge my ſelf from all offenſive things to thee, and ſerve thee my loving God, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer againſt the Power of Satan.*

O Lord my GOD, how do we daily paſs the limits of thy will? We ſin at leaſt ſeven times a day, and pledge Mother *Eve* in the dregs of nature: This is the frailty of the fleſh, and this is the weakneſs of all *Adam's* iſſue: A miſerable caſe, O Lord, unleſs in thy mercy thou wilt wrap us, and cover us with the white rayment of thy Grace; that we being thine may never deſpair for any brunt of ſtorming Satan, be it never ſo perillous. O Lord, ſave me, in thy mercy behold me, have pity and compaſſion upon me, and mark not my ſteps that are crooked; but caſt the eye of thy favour upon thy Son Chriſt, who was content to ſuffer the bleeding pains of the Croſs, to ſatisfie thy wrath, and to deliver us from the ſting of a helliſh conſcience: Wherefore I beſeech thee, O Lord, and moſt dear Saviour, not to obſerve mine iniquities; but to waſh me from the guiltineſs of ſin, in the flood of thy mercies, and ſo to ſave me, that being dead in iniquity, and yet ſaved of thine infinite pity, I may give all glory unto thee, and ſing with our Mother, the Church, that Salvation belongeth unto

thee (O Lord) to whom be praiſe and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the deſire of a Godly Life.*

O My Lord God, how happy were I, if I might never hereafter in thought, word, or deed, commit the thing that ſhould diſpleaſe thy Divine Majeſty. That life is the longing of my Soul, and the ſubſtance of my wiſh, and the effect of my deſire; my heart coveteth to ſee that bleſſed time, and my joys then ſhould be ſuch as no mortal man can tell. Truly, Lord, to know thee, with the Son and the Holy Ghoſt, is the true perfection of eternal life, the end of all bleſſedneſs, and the ſumm of all delights. No eye hath ſeen, nor ear hath heard, nor hath it preſſed into the depth of any mans underſtanding, to value the ineſtimable charity, delectation, and pleaſure, of the ſame felicity; when we ſhall behold the Majeſty of God face to face.

And verily moſt glorious God, I have repoſed this hope in my heart, and do aſſure my ſelf, through faith in thee, that theſe eyes wherewith I read theſe lines ſhall ſee that Glory, and this fleſh wherewith I am cloathed in corruption, and

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nouſled in mortality, ſhall be a member of that immortal Kingdom: Unto the which, Lord, at thy appointed pleaſure bring me; to whom, with the Son and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Power and Glory, for ever and for ever. *Amen.*

## *An Evening Prayer.*

O Omnipotent and Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, three in Perſons and one in Subſtance, and from everlaſting: I extol thy ſacred Majeſty, I praiſe thy unſpeakable Mercy, thy Divine Truth I magnifie; for that of thy fatherly goodneſs, thou haſt graciouſly heard me at this time, giving me a penitent heart, modeſty to utter the ſame: Therefore will I praiſe thee for this, and all other thy goodneſs this evening; and going to reſt, I will give thee thanks, becauſe thou haſt kept me this day of thine only Mercy, without any merit of mine, from all danger both in ſoul and body. O Chriſt and King of Glory, I beſeech thee bleſs and defend me this night; let my reſt be in thee, and grant me thy grace, that neither much ſleep overwhelm me, nor Satan invade me, nor the fleſh betray me unto him. Let mine eyes ſleep, but let my heart

wake: O Lord lighten mine eyes that I ſleep not in death, leſt the ſubtil tempter overtake me, and I ſleep a continual and perpetual ſleep, and awake no more: For thou art my everlaſting helper. Keep me as the *apple of thine eye*, hide me under the ſhadow of thy *ſacred wings* (O LORD) that neither ugly viſions, nor horrible dreams, nor ſights, nor monſtrous apparitions trouble me in the dark. In thy name, O JESUS, will I go to reſt this night; give ſleep unto mine eyes, and ſlumber to mine eye lids; compaſs me about, and raiſe me again to the joyful ſight of tomorrow light; and after this my miſerable life, bring me to the beholding of eternal happineſs, that in thy light I may ſee light, and evermore praiſe thee for ever. *Amen.*

# Prayers for Tuesday Morning.

*O Lord my God and Heavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: dispose my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.*

## A Psalm.

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; O Lord, I will sing and give praise with the best member I have.

I will sing and give thanks unto thee, Lord, among the People, and I will sing Praises unto thee among the Nations.

For thy Mercies are greater than the Heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the Clouds.

Set up thy self therefore, O GOD, above the Heavens, and thy Glory above all the Earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered; Let thy right hand save me, and hear thou me.

O help me against mine enemy, for vain is the help of man.

Through God I ſhall do great acts, and it is he that ſhall tread down mine enemies.

And deal thou with me, O Lord God, according to thy Name, for ſweet is thy mercy.

Then will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart ſecretly among the Faithful, and in the Congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, ſought out of all them that have pleaſure therein.

His work is worthy to be praiſed and had in honour, and his righteouſneſs endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath ſo done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment, all his Commandments are true.

He ſent Redemption unto his people, he hath commanded his Covenant for ever: holy and reverent is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wiſdom, a good underſtanding have all they that do thereafter, the praiſe of it endureth for ever. *Glory be to*, &c.

## *A Morning Prayer.*

BLeſſed be my Lord God which doth wondrous things; and bleſſed be the Name of his Majeſty for evermore: which hath ſet the Son to lighten the day, and ordained the Moon and the Stars to govern the night. O moſt high God, which by thy unſpeakable wiſdom haſt diſtinguiſhed the day from the night; and haſt ſo decreed, that while the World ſhall laſt, this courſe of times and days ſhall never have end, ſo that man in the night may reſt, and in the day labour until the evening: for theſe and all other thy benefits I praiſe thy Name, and give thanks unto thee for thy great Glory. O God, the guider of my life, forſake me not; turn from me the filthineſs of deſire; remove from my heart all concupiſcence, and take from thy ſervant too over-bold a ſtomach: ſuffer me not to run headlong into riotouſneſs; let not unlawful love overcome me, and give not thy ſervant over into an impudent mind. Turn mine eyes that they behold no vanity; ſtrengthen me in thy way, and grant that mine offences in this World overcome me not: And I beſeech thee, O Lord, with a moſt ardent affection, that

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this day and ever thou wilt keep me and all mine; and that thou wilt be unto me a mighty Protector, firmament of ſtrength, a covering againſt heat, a ſhadow at Noontide, a defence from falling, an aſſiſter from offending, a comforter of my Soul, a lightner of my mind, a giver of health and happineſs in Chriſt JESUS my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all glory, honour and power, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Confeſſion to* GOD.

O LORD, I am unworthy thy Comfort, or any ſpiritual conſolation, by reaſon of my ſins! that which I deſerve is puniſhment, becauſe I have ſo often offended thee, and in ſo many things ſo grievouſly ſinned; And yet, O gracious and merciful GOD, who wilt not that thy works ſhould periſh, to declare the richneſs of thy goodneſs upon the veſſels of thy mercy, far beyond the manner of men. But what have I done, O Lord, that thou ſhouldſt impart upon me any ſpiritual comfort at all? truly I have done no good, but always have been prone unto ſin, and ſlow to repent: and this is ſo true, if I ſhould deny it, that thou wilt find me guilty, and no man durſt ſtand up to excuſe

excuse me; and therefore, O most dear Father, I do confess that I am worthy all reproach and contempt, and most unworthy to live among thy Sons and Servants: yea, and because it is true, I will yet confess against my wickedness, that so the sooner I may obtain mercy at thy hands. But what shall I (wretch that I am) say, being full of all manner of shame and infamy? What shall I say? Nothing but this; I have sinned, Lord, I have sinned, take mercy upon me, forgive me, suffer me yet a while to bewail *my* wretchedness before I pass over into the Land of promise, covered with the shadow of death; for what dost thou else of a guilty and miserable man require, but that he afflict and humble himself for his sins? from a true repentance and humbling of the mind ariseth hope of Pardon, the troubled conscience is relieved, the favour of God, which was lost, is recovered, and man is preserved from the vengeance to come; and with a holy kiss, both God and the sorrowful soul do meet together: With the which work of true repentance endue me, Good Lord, that I may do thy sacred Will in this life, and in the end enjoy everlasting happiness in the World to come; through Jesus Christ my Saviour,

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to whom be all glory and power and might, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for true Repentance to be purged of ſin.*

O Lord my God, what do I daily, but wander in the field of vanity? what is my heart but a filthy priſon of corrupt thoughts? What is my mouth, but a ſtinking chanel of vain words? what are my feet, but chariots to bloodſhed? what are my hands but battlers with charity? what is my head, but a caſtle of wicked devices? and what is my life, but a fardel of iniquity? I am nothing better than a dead tree, the root is periſhed, the bough wither'd, being good for nothing but for the fury of the flame: what then, good Lord, ſhall it be ſo? what, ſhall I burn, ſweet Jeſus! O ſave me for thy Names ſake, and quicken me, create a new heart within me, that I may bring forth much fruit, and for ever flouriſh, like a Tree planted by a river ſide. O pour the Oyl of Grace into my defiled heart, and ſeaſon it with the ſalt of thy mercy, leſt the fume of mine iniquities aſcend up to thy noſtrils, and provoke thy fury againſt me. Pour down ſome drops of thy precious blood from the clouds of thy

thy Mercy, to quench out the angry flame of ſin, which of my ſelf I am not able to put out by the virtuous water of any merit: O Lamb of God, let me eat thy fleſh and drink thy blood, that I may live by thee, and cloath me in the wool of thy mercy, that no winter or ſtorm of ſin do pinch my ſilly ſoul. Thou, O God, art full of compaſſion and long-ſuffering, which continueſt thy mercy for thouſands, taking away iniquities, ſins, and offences. Thou calleſt us after thy wonted mercy, by thy Word, to repentance and hearty converſion; for unto all and every one is repentance and forgiveneſs of ſins preached in thy Name; therefore unto thee, O moſt merciful Father, do I cry, deſiring thee to look back upon me thy unworthy ſervant, with the eyes of pity, even as thou lookedſt back upon the ſinful woman in the banquet: likewiſe favour thou me, O Lord, as thou didſt the Publican, who ſtanding afar off, ſmote his breaſt, and ſaid, *Lord be merciful unto me a ſinner*: And grant, O Lord, that among the fears and terrours of conſcience, I may take hold of thee by a lively Faith, and never in the ſight of conſcience do yield my ſelf, and deſpair; but upholden by the voice of

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the Goſpel, I may flee unto thee my Redeemer, and have by faith, peace with God And thou my Saviour which haſt ſuffered for me in the fleſh, give me grace, that likewiſe in the ſame mind I may be arm'd for the mortifying of my fleſh; that henceforth I may live not after the luſts of men, but after the will of God, and keep the Devil under (O LORD) that he compel not my troubled conſcience to deſpair, either by heaping or ripping up mine offences, or extenuating thy mercy; and grant that I may come unto thee by hearing thy word unto Repentance, that thereby the Angels in Heaven may continually have occaſion to rejoyce before thee, which liveſt and reigneſt ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the Aid of GOD's Holy Spirit.*

O Dear Father, foraſmuch as every man living is of himſelf before thee but as a beaſt, neither knowing thee, nor the things concerning their duties unto thee; I as one of the moſt perverſe, filthy and corrupt, do here humble my ſelf before thee, begging at thy hands, that thou haſt promiſed to give unto as many as ask it of thee;

thee, thy holy Spirit, that heavenly Comforter, which revealeth thee and thy will to the ſimple and ignorant, which alſo ſtireth up the minds and inward affections of thy children to call upon thee, by preparing their hearts, and opening their mouths to celebrate thy Name; beſtow it, good Father, beſtow it upon me, thy unworthy ſervant, and upon all thy children; and grant that although all of us are of corrupt affections, and polluted lips, yet we may be ſprinkled with that Heavenly Hyſſop, that we may have our hearts cleanſed of the corrupt affections of this World; and the eyes of our underſtanding opened, that we may ſee the good things we ſhould ask; and our feet that are fettered with the cares of vain things, may be ſet at liberty, that we may walk the right way unto the Kingdom of Heaven; and that the hands of our ſouls may apprehend and take hold of the Righteouſneſs of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt; and that by the aid of the ſame Spirit, we may caſt off all impediments, letts, and incumbrances that detain us from coming unto thee. Sanctifie me within and without; waſh me and I ſhall be whiter than Snow; let thy truth and thy ſpirit meet together in my

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ſoul, that my prayers my enter into thy preſence, and that thine ears may incline unto my humble petition, ſo ſhall I declare thy loving kindneſs in the morning, and thy truth in the night ſeaſon. Thou knoweſt whereof we be made, thou forgetteſt not that we are but duſt, and unprofitable children; not fit, apt, nor able of our ſelves to pray unto thee, and praiſe thy Name: therefore, good Lord, allure me unto thee, to ſeek thee; and grant that with my whole heart and mind, I may always rejoyce and be comforted by thee, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to acknowledge God in his Works.*

O Moſt mighty and eternal God, thou by the creation of the World and all that therein is, haſt ſufficiently declared thy ſelf to be the everlaſting and Almighty God, for that theſe things do far paſs the reach of mans wiſdom: and not herein only haſt thou declared thy ſelf to be God; but in that alſo that thou doſt continually guide and govern the ſame and all things of thee created: Seeing therefore, O moſt merciful Father, that we have both in our ſelves, and alſo in thy creatures ſo manifeſt Teſtimonies

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that thou only, O Lord, art that eternal and loving God, which doſt reign in all thy creatures, guiding and governing them by thy Heavenly Providence; Grant I do beſeech thee, that my heart may be hereof fully aſſured, to acknowledge thee not only to be God eternal, who haſt created all things; but alſo that I may in heart be fully perſwaded that thou, O Lord, doſt govern all things according to thy moſt bleſſed will; ſo that nothing can be done in the whole world without thine appointment, and that thou haſt ſuch a ſingular care over thine Elect; ſo that not ſo much as an hair of their heads ſhall fall without thy Providence: Grant therefore, O Lord, I beſeech thee, that I may hereof be fully aſſured in my Heart and Soul, and that I may in all my doings ſet thee before mine eyes, acknowledging thee to be my only Lord and Father; and by the working of thy holy Spirit in me, I may be confirmed in Faith, comforted in Soul, and lightned in Underſtanding; that always here on Earth I may glorifie thy holy Name, and after the diſſolution of this my mortal body, I may attain thy everlaſting joy with thy Elect, in thy glorious Kingdom, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A very fruitful Prayer to* GOD.

WE are all *Publicans*, O LORD, open the ears of thy favour unto our cry, and have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us; we ſin daily, but yet ſave us, of pity ſave us. O ſhew thy compaſſion upon me, and let me not dye a *Judas*'s death, let me never tune the doleful ſong of *Cain*; but ingrave in my heart a full and lively faith in thee; that never doubting of thy bounteous mercy, I may with a free conſcience ſet Satan at defiance, and all his helliſh band; O merciful Lord, hear this my cry, and defend me with thy Grace againſt the power of Satan, who roareth of cruelty, and lurketh in every corner of malicious ſubtilty to tear *me* with the claws of his fury and mercileſs envy: Defend *me* with faith againſt *him*. O Lord, lay the plaiſter of comfort to my wounded conſcience, and cover me with the wings of thy favour, that I may live and die in thee; and ſo be bleſſed for ever; to whom, O Father, with thy dear Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all power for ever.

### *A Prayer to Jesus Christ.*

O My Lord God, and sweet Saviour Jesus Christ, grant unto me most frail sinner, and miserable wretch, thy grace and mercy; and that I may ever have present before the eyes of my soul, thy most holy life and behaviour; and that for my possibility and power, I may in living and manners follow the same: And grant me, good Lord, to profit, grow, and increase therein, to such perfections as may be acceptable unto thee, for the salvation of my soul: lighten, Lord, and make clear and bright my heart with the glorious light of thy Grace, that it may ever go before me, and follow me in all my acts, so that by thy conduct and guiding, I may accomplish and fulfil all that may please thy goodness, and utterly eschew and avoid the contrary; and vouchsafe, sweet Saviour, so to order and direct all my cogitations and thoughts, all my speech and words, all my acts and deeds, in thy Law and Commandments, and in thy Monitions and Counsel; and so take me (good Lord) unto thee, that here in all things doing thy will, I may by grace become one of thy saved souls, to live with thee, my *Redeemer*, for ever. *Amen.* Pray-

## Prayers for Tueſday Night.

O *Lord my God and Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart; and open my lips,* &c.

### A Pſalm.

MY GOD, my GOD, look upon me; Why haſt thou forſaken me, and art ſo far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O My GOD, I cry unto thee in the day-time, but thou heareſt not; and in the night-ſeaſon alſo I take no reſt.

And yet thou continueſt holy, O Thou Worſhip of *Iſrael.*

Wherefore unto thee, O LORD will I lift up my ſoul, my GOD, I have put my truſt in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

O remember not the ſins and offences of my Youth, but according to thy mercy, think thou on me.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanſe me from my ſecret faults.

Keep thy ſervant alſo from preſumptuous ſins, leſt they get the dominion over me, ſo ſhall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be always acceptable in thy ſight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

For thy Names ſake, O Lord, be merciful unto my ſin, for it is great.

Look upon mine adverſity and miſery, and forgive me all my ſins.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee, have mercy upon me, and hear me.

O hide not thy face from me, nor caſt thy ſervant away in diſpleaſure.

Thou haſt been my ſuccour, leave me not, neither forſake me, O God of my Salvation.

I ſhould utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to ſee the goodneſs of the Lord in the Land of the Living.

Therefore ſhall every good man ſing of thy praiſe without ceaſing, O *my* God, and I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

*Glory*, &c.

## *A Prayer for the remission of sins.*

O Most loving and bountiful Father, forasmuch as it is most meet, right, just, and requisite, that all flesh should praise, magnifie, and worship thee, and should without ceasing give thanks unto thee, who only art the Creator and Maker of all things, who of thine own mercy and goodness, didst send down thine only begotten Son, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death for our sins, thereby to make a recompence for the offences which Man had committed against thee: And all this thou didst of thine exceeding bounty and kindness, without any desert of Mankind, not being so much as by any one Prayer, or yet treaty thereunto incited: I being therefore, O dear Father, imboldened with such an inestimable benefit, so freely given and bestowed, do without any fear at this time appear before thy Divine Majesty, prostrating my self before the seat of thy Mercy, and with all humbleness of heart and mind do make this my Prayer unto thee: despise me not, O Lord, being defiled with sin and iniquity; be merciful unto me a sinner, lighten the evil-sighted eyes of my mind, open the stopped ears of *my* heart, that I

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may both ſee and hear, and underſtand that which thou teacheſt, and do always that which thou commandeſt; and that I be not only a hearer of thy Word; but a practiſer of the ſame in *my* life and converſation. Save and defend *me* from all ſhame and reproach; be thou *my* ſhield and buckler againſt all temptations; cleanſe my mind and thoughts from all uncleanneſs; keep and preſerve me from all danger both in body and ſoul, and guide me with thy grace, ſo to ſpend this my ſmall, ſhort and tranſitory time in this world, that I may be a member of Chriſt, and partaker of thy eternal felicity: to the which, ſeeing that by mine own weakneſs I ſhall never be able to aſpire, I do here, O Lord, take hold of that promiſe of thine, where thou haſt ſaid; Come unto *me* all ye that labour, and I will refreſh you; this is *my* hold-faſt, this is *my* anchor and ſure ſtay, for verily, ſweet Saviour, when I look upon mine own frailneſs, and behold how ready I am to offend, then I quake for fear; but as ſoon as I call to mind thy great love and kindneſs, and thou wilt not the death of a ſinner; and that in what day ſoever he doth heartily repent and call unto thee, then thou wilt hear

him; then I am relieved, then I am not a little comforted, knowing ſurely that Thou wilt perform that which thou haſt promiſed: in faithful aſſurance whereof, I now ſay unto thee, Turn thou *me*, O *my* GOD, and I ſhall be turned: be favourable unto *me*, O Lord, be favourable unto *me* thy ſervant, and heal *my* ſoul which is wounded with ſin, for I do acknowledge mine iniquity, and am heartily ſorry for mine offences, through which I have either in word or deed, thought, or any other kind of way offended thee; blot them out of thy remembrance, and let the Blood of that *immaculate Lamb*, JESUS Chriſt, waſh them away: let mine old offences decay and die in *me*, that I never commit them any more, or by any means renew them in thy ſight; and in the mean time do not withdraw thy grace from *me*, but cauſe me to do all that good is. O Father remove thy wrath away from *me*, and reſtore *me* to thy favour; turn thou thy loving countenance unto *me*, and plentifully pour forth thy mercy upon *me*: Guide thou my foot-ſteps in thy paths, and ſuffer me not at any time to ſtray from thy ways; let *me* always have the fear of thee in *my* heart; and if at any time

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through weakneſs and frailty I do tranſgreſs thy Commandments, yet do thou not therefore, good LORD, reject me, but be thou that good *Samaritan*, and pour the oyl and wine of mercy and forgiveneſs into thoſe wounds which ſin ſhall make in *me*; make *me* thy ſervant, and ſo endue *me* with thy grace, that I may unfeignedly with heart and voice ſerve, honour, and praiſe thee, through Jeſus Chriſt, *my* Lord and Saviour, to whom be praiſe and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer ſetting forth the power of* GOD's *Grace.*

O Lord *my* God, who haſt created *me* after thine own *Image*; give *me* Thy Grace which is moſt excellent and neceſſary unto all Salvation, that I may ſubdue *my* wicked nature, drawing me always unto ſin and deſtruction: for I ſee in my fleſh the Law of ſin rebelling againſt the Law of *my* mind, and leading me captive to the ſatisfying of my vain deſires in many things; ſo that without the aſſiſtance of thy moſt heavenly grace, poured zealouſly into my mind, I am unable to reſiſt the aſſaults thereof: yea LORD, I take thy grace, and that much grace of thine,

whereby *my* nature, prone to all *impiety* even from *my* youth, may be ſubdued and overcome; for Nature being fallen through the offence of the firſt Man, and defiled through ſin, the puniſhment whereof hath redounded unto all mankind; ſo that, that nature which at the firſt thou didſt make good and righteous, is now counted for the ſin and infirmity of the corrupt nature; inſomuch as the motions left unto it tend always unto evil and inferiour things; hence O Lord it is, that touching the inward man, *I am* delighted with thy Law, knowing that thy ſtatutes are good, righteous and holy; and that they reprove wickedneſs, and teach that which is to be avoided; but in *my* fleſh ſerve the Law of ſin, whilſt I obey the appetite more than reaſon; hence it is, that to will is preſent with *me*; but alas I find no means to perform; hereof it is, that often times I purpoſe to do many things well; but becauſe thy heavenly favour and grace is wanting, which may help mine infirmity, I flee back and retire; yea, hereof it is, that I know indeed the way of righteouſneſs, and ſee, as it were, in a glaſs what *my* duty is; but through the weight of *my* ſin, I have no power to ariſe unto perfe-

perfection: O Lord how greatly do I lack thy grace, both to begin what good is, and alſo to proceed throughly in goodneſs: for without it I can do nothing, but through the help thereof, I can do all things in thee: O Heavenly Grace, without which neither the merits of Man, nor the gifts of Nature are of price whatſoever: For the gifts of Nature are common, as well to the wicked as to the good: but thy Grace is a gift peculiar only to the Elect, which whoſo have, are counted meet and worthy eternal Life. Finally it is ſo excellent, that without doubt, neither the gift of prophecy, nor the working of Miracles is any thing worth: yea, neither faith nor hope, nor any other virtue are of price or accepted of thee, without love and grace: O bleſſed Grace, which maketh him rich with vertue, who is poor in ſpirit: Come, O come down unto *me*, and fill *me* early with thy comfort, that my mind with wearineſs and hunger faint not: O Lord, I beſeech thee impart thy grace unto *me*, that is ſufficient for *me*, though I have nothing in *me* elſe that nature would require; yea I proteſt, if that be with *me*, I will dread no temptation, nor trouble whatſoever; this is *my* ſtrength, that

bringeth counſel and help; yea, it is both mightier than all enemies, and wiſer than the prudent; it is the Myſtery of Truth, the teacher of Diſcipline, the light of the mind, the comfort in affliction, the expeller of ſadneſs, the remover away of care, and the nouriſher of Religion. At a word, without it, what am I but withered wood, and a root moſt unprofitable, to be caſt away? Wherefore, O Lord, let this thy grace both go before, and alſo follow *me*, whereby I may continually apply *my* ſelf to well-doing, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for a competent living.*

O Almighty GOD, and loving Father, who of nothing haſt created all things living; thy Providence is ſo great over them all, that thou ſuffereſt not the moſt vile and ſimpleſt of them all to periſh for want of relief, and things requiſite for them, ſeeking the ſame at thy hands; yea, and ſuch is thy favour, O Lord, towards Man, that thou doſt moſt miraculouſly provide for him, in that all the reſt of thy creatures thou haſt ordained for his uſe

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and ſervice, and yet not for all alike; for it hath pleaſed thee to make ſome poor, and ſome rich; ſome thou exalteſt, and ſome thou keepeſt low; ſome to live at eaſe, and ſome by labour, and yet none live without thy Providence: and I among the reſt of thy creatures, do acknowledge my ſelf greatly bound unto thee, for helping *me* hitherto; and as thy ſilly creature and work of thy hands I humbly proſtrate *my* ſelf in heart before thy Majeſty, beſeeching thee favourably to look down upon my neceſſity, and grant me whatſoever thou ſeeſt neceſſary for *me*, even a competent and neceſſary portion here; not over-much, leſt I wax proud, and diſdain *my* inferiours; and if it be thy will vouchſafe unto *me*, not over-little, leſt urgent neceſſity drive *me* to over much care, and over much care carry me to unlawful means, and ſo I run headlong into thy diſpleaſure; but by truth in *my* calling I may be able to live and wade through the hardneſs of this world, and be rather helpful to the poor, than burthenſome to the rich. O Lord bring it thus to paſs; for without thy bleſſing and Fatherly furtherance, I cannot ſufficiently execute neither can that proſper, thereupon the whole

ſtate of my longing and maintenance dependeth: wherefore good Lord bleſs *my* underſtanding and endeavours, to the proſperous execution of all things which concern my vocation and calling, and grant, O Lord, that whatſoever doth happen unto *me*; as Poverty or Riches, I may be of a patient mind, that in adverſity I run not headlong into ſuch *means* as are ungodly; neither in proſperity wax the prouder, but wait thy good pleaſure in them both with thankfulneſs, and ever-more live in thee and by thee, and in the end raign with thee in Heaven, where thou ſitteſt as author and giver of all thy Bleſſings. Grant this, O moſt merciful Father; to whom with thy Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer to ſubdue our affections.*

O Lord, Mighty and Merciful, who didſt create Man, in the beginning, ſimple, ſincere, and without ſpot of ſin: In which his integrity and innocency he then preſented thine own Image, which was pure and without ſpot of ſin; and yet ſuch was man, that he fell from thee by diſobedience, whereby he corrupted his ways, and

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became far unlike unto thee, being defiled with all vanities, wherein alas, we all of us wallow, the most with greediness: wherefore most dear Father in JESUS Christ, create in me new thoughts, new affections, shape in me true obedience that I may mortifie and kill all sin, and vain inclinations which rise up against Thee; let sin no longer bear rule in me, O Lord, but let thy grace more and more abound, that all that I do think, speak or do, may be savouring more of the desire of Heaven and Heavenly things, than of earthly and carnal desires; that so I may be approved, not only before men, to be as I ought, but to thee to be as *Thou* requirest; to whom, O Lord, be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the King's Majesty.*

O Lord Almighty, the Governour, Preserver, and continual Protectour of Princes, to whose beck and will all Kingdoms of the Earth are subject, look in mercy and favour, O Lord, I beseech thee, upon the state of thy servant, our dear Sovereign Lord King *Charles*, and his Royal issue; be thou unto *him* and *them* a safe refuge in all time of danger; and let thy

holy Spirit be unto him a continual guide in all his acts and proceedings; direct him, to comfort, defend and support us, and either to bring our enemies to a perfect peace, in embracing the Truth with us, or confound their power and devices for ever.

### *An Evening Prayer.*

O Heavenly Father, and eternal GOD, I honour thee, I praise thee, I yield thee most hearty thanks for all thy benefits; and at this time especially, O Lord, because thou hast patiently and attentively heard my petitions, and hast given me soberness and humbleness of mind, to utter the same without any interruption. I bless Thee my everlasting GOD, and with all my heart give thee thanks, for that not only thou hast saved me this day from death, from hurts, and from all perils from my cradle; but hast defended both my soul and body from all Misfortunes and Dangers: Therefore my soul magnifieth the Lord, and my spirit rejoyceth in God my Saviour, for he hath looked upon the afflictions of his servants: and now among all other thy goodness, O Lord, hear, O Lord, forgive; hearken, O God for thy

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Name sake, for it is called upon by me: O GOD of Heaven and Earth, in the evening do I call upon thee, that remitting my sins, Thou wouldst receive me into thy Protection, and keep me this Night, that the Devil have no power over me; for Thou, O Lord, art my everlasting Protector; for behold, whether I sleep or wake, whether I live or die, I am always thine: let thy mercy follow me, O Lord, all the days of my life, that I may dwell in thy house and praise thee, and that I may in acknowledging thy greatness confess my sinful and wretched weakness: And visit me, O Lord, and drive from me all the assaults of mine enemies, both bodily and ghostly; and let thy holy Angel be with me, and keep me this night, and evermore, by thy grace; and ever let thy blessing be upon me this night, and for evermore. *Amen.*

## Prayers for Wednesday Morning.

O *Lord my God and Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart, and open my lips, &c.*

### A Pſalm.

IN thee O LORD, have I put my truſt, let me never be put to confuſion: deliver me in thy Righteouſneſs.

Bow down thine Ear unto me, make haſt to deliver me.

Into thy hands I commend my Spirit, for thou haſt redeemed *me*, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I have hated them that hold ſuperſtitious vanities, and my truſt hath been in the Lord.

I will be glad and rejoyce in thy mercy, for thou haſt conſidered my trouble, and haſt known my ſoul in adverſity.

Shew thy ſervant the light of thy countenance, and ſave me for thy mercies ſake.

O how plentiful is thy goodneſs which thou haſt laid up for them that fear thee, and that thou haſt prepared for them that put their truſt in thee.

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Wherefore I will confess my wickedness, and be sorry for my sin; I will take heed unto my ways, that I offend not in my tongue.

Therefore withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord, but let thy loving kindness and thy truth always preserve me.

For my soul is a-thirst for God, yea, God, yea, even for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Yea as the Hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Wherefore send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me and bring me to thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give Him thanks, who is the help of my contenance, and my God. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost*, &c.

## *A Morning Prayer.*

O Moſt merciful and loving Father, I thank thee for the ſweet ſleep and comfortable reſt that thou haſt given me this night; and foraſmuch as thou haſt commanded by thy holy Word, that no man ſhould be idle, but always occupied in godly and virtuous exerciſes, every man according to his calling: I moſt humbly beſeech thee, O Lord, that thine eyes may attend upon me, that thy grace may daily defend me in danger: ſuccour, cheriſh, and comfort me in all my needs and diſtreſs; and govern all my counſels, ſtudies, and labours, in ſuch wiſe, that I may ſpend this day according to thy bleſſed will, and the diſcharge of mine own conſcience in thee; that warily avoiding all things that may diſpleaſe thee, and ſetting always before mine eyes thy fear, I may (thy grace aſſiſting me, and thy holy ſpirit guiding me) work that which is acceptable before thy divine Majeſty unto thy praiſe and glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A fruitful Confession to GOD for sins committed.*

O Gracious GOD, have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me, look favourably upon me, incline thine ears towards me, and hide not thy Face now my soul is troubled. O Almighty GOD, from whose Sight there is no covert, and against whose power there is neither resistance nor flight; I beseech thee to cast off the blind burthen of fleshly affections; subdue my reason, regenerate my will, and purifie my nature; lead my desire that I may seek thee; lighten my understanding that I may see thee; for I can neither seek thee without thou direct me, nor see thee except thou reveal thy self. LORD, forgive mine ignorance, forget my presumption, pardon mine iniquities, relieve my necessities; let my sins no longer be a cloud between my Prayers and thy pity, between thy goodness and my distress; most gracious GOD, who art merciful towards all, suffer me not to be destitute of thy Mercy: for although I have committed that whereby I may be destroyed, yet hast thou neither forgone nor forgotten that whereby thou art wont to save: O wretch

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that I am, how coldly do I cry, how weakly do I crave, how ſenſeleſs is my unclean ſoul? alas I am nothing but vanity, a rotten root, without any life or virtue; a barren ground, bringing forth nothing but ſin, ſhame and damnation: I am unable either to give thee any thing, but of thine own goods, or do any thing for my ſelf, but by thy free gift: Wherefore O my ſweet Saviour, by the tender love, and by all thy mercies, reach thy helping hand, draw my ſoul out of the mire of ſin, wherein it is faſt fet, that I periſh not in the preſence of thy pity; deliver me from the ſnares that the enemy hath laid to take the ſoul of ſinners, either wilful or ſecure.

Put away occcaſions of evil before me, guide me unto thee the ſtreighteſt courſe; and ſo long as I am to continue in this vile vale of miſery, ſettle me in that ſtate of life wherein I may beſt pleaſe thee: Give me grace, O gracious God, although I have hitherto had no care to live well, yet I may now wholly and holily bend my care to dye well; and that from hence forth I may live in thy fear, and dye in thy ſavour, reſt in thy peace, and remain in thy joy for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for Patience.*

O Moſt gracious and omnipotent Father, whoſe mercy is everlaſting and power infinite, bow down thine ear and hearken unto my Prayer which I make before thee, beſeeching thee of thy accuſtomed goodneſs, to endue me with the works of Mercy and deeds of Charity; but above all things, to give me patience in adverſity, meekly to ſuffer, and patiently to take whatſoever it ſhall pleaſe thee to lay upon me, and never to murmur or to grudge thereat, but always to think thy loving and gentle correction to be much leſs than the deſerts of my great and manifold offences. And again, if I be not under correction, then am I not thy child! for what father is he that correcteth not his children whom he moſt entirely loveth? this then is a moſt evident token that thou loveſt us, when as thou correcteſt us: for as the Scripture ſaith; *Whom God loveth, him he chaſteneth.* Thou ſeeſt all things, Thou underſtandeſt and knoweſt all things; ſo that not ſo much as one little ſparrow lighteth upon the ground without thy knowledge, yea and our very thoughts are fore-known unto thee; Thou diſpoſeſt and ordereſt all things

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as ſeemeth beſt to thy holy will and pleaſure. By thy help I may do all things, but without thee I can do nothing. When thou poureſt upon us thy creatures, thy good gifts and benefits, Thou doſt it to this end; that we acknowledging the ſame, ſhould thereby be encouraged to ſerve, honour and obey thee; and contrariwiſe, when thou ſtrikeſt us with thy rod of correction, thou doſt it to put us in mind that we have tranſgreſſed thy Commandments; that we have not hearkened unto thee, but willingly fallen into the puddle of ſin, and following our own appetites, have provoked thy juſt wrath and indignation againſt us. Thus thou dealeſt with us, O Lord, to the intent that we ſuffering bodily puniſhment, and feeling the ſmart of the ſame, may thereby be admoniſhed of our duties; and with true compunction of heart, deſire to be releaſed from the ſcourge that we have deſerved. This, O heavenly Father, I acknowledge to be our duty; but alas, I for my part have not performed the ſame as I ought; yet I beſeech thy goodneſs not to execute the rigour of thy Juſtice upon me, but to ſtay thy hand; and before thou give me any greater wound to behold my humility and repentance, and here I dō offer thee, O

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Lord, according as the poor widow did, all which I am able to give; that is, a ſorrowful contrition of heart for my former offences done and paſt: wherefore I beſeech thee to give me grace, that what way ſoever it ſhall pleaſe thee to puniſh me, I may take it patiently, and ſay, *Naked I came into this World, and naked I ſhall return to the Earth again: The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, even as it pleaſeth the Lord, ſo be it.* Suffer me not, O Lord, to deſpair, or to think that thou dealeſt unjuſtly with me; but ſay, *Shall I receive proſperity at the* LORD*'s hands, and not be content with adverſity?* and always to think upon this, Happy are they whom thou doſt puniſh; for though thou makeſt a wound, Thou alſo giveſt a plaiſter; tho' Thou ſmiteſt, thy hand maketh whole again: Mine iniquities are great, be thou merciful unto my wickedneſs; O deliver me from thine anger, and preſs me not further than I ſhall be able to bear; but now I acknowledge that whatſoever trouble thou haſt ſent me, or wilt lay upon me, is either for the puniſhment of mine iniquities, or for the tryal of my Conſtancy; I may with repentant *David*, find remiſſion of my ſins; and with patient *Job*, releaſe of mine adverſity, and obtain ſuch favour in thy ſight,

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that I may ſo paſs this life, that I may afterwards live with thee in thy eternal Glory: grant this O moſt loving Father, for thy dear Son's ſake Jeſus Chriſt; to whom with the holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for Humility.*

O My ſweet Saviour Jeſus, it is thine own Leſſon: *Be humble and meek as I am*: it is thy Word alſo; *My ſheep hear my Voice*: but Lord what ſhall I do? the fleſh is proud, I daily rebel againſt thy holy will, I envy my ſuperiours, I love not my equals, I deſpiſe mine inferiours: This is the fruit of the fleſh, O Lord, but thou art love and life, O loving Jeſus; and therefore I beſeech thee of thy tender love to pity me, and to endue me with the ſpirit of humbleneſs, that being poor in ſpirit, I may with the little ones of thy Kingdom be bleſſed and live for ever: O Lord, for the avoidance of pride, give me thy grace to conſider, that by it an Angel became a Devil, and Man was excommunicated from the Paradiſe of pleaſure; deſire of Sovereignty begat the devil, ſin, death and damnation; ſo that out of it, as a moſt filthy puddle, iſſu'd a whole Sea of miſchief and miſery: Of this cup of

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pride, Father *Adam* drank, when by his disobedience he lost thy favour, and by the taste of an Apple, thought to be thy Co-mate, in knowing of good and evil.; Give *me* thy Grace not only to consider this but also fully to digest it; that detesting it as a venemous Viper, I may in humbleness of heart serve thee holily and soundly, without hypocrisie, who art the pattern of lowliness, and a mirrour of humility, continually to be looked upon, and truly to be followed. O life and lover of Souls, give me grace always to hear, and hearing thy word, to follow thee my Lord and God, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for God's fear.*

O Almighty and eternal God, thy Holy Word teacheth us, that thou art not only a Father, but also a LORD; not only a Forgiver, but also a Revenger; not only a Saviour, but also a Judge: and as thou being a Father, a Saviour, and Forgiver, dost pardon and shew Mercy; so thou being a Lord, a Revenger and a Judge, punishest and condemnest: Neither doth thy Holy Word set forth unto us a Gospel which comforteth us, quickneth us, sheweth us Joyful tidings, quieteth our Consciences, and bringeth

eth us unto everlasting life; but also a Law which reproveth, accuseth, condemneth, woundeth, and slayeth our Consciences, yea and throweth us down head-long into everlasting perdition, so that by this we may see, that we may not only love thee as a Father, Saviour, and forgiver; but also fear thee as a Lord, a revenger, and a Judge, for much therefore, O most gentle Saviour, and most righteous Judge, as nothing doth so mightily put away sin, and make us to walk in the way of thy Commandments, as reverently to fear thee, and to stand in awe of thy Judgments and heavy displeasure: I most entirely pray and beseech thee, to give me that fear which thou requirest of us in thy holy Word, and whereunto thou hast promised so many large and bounteous benefits, that I may not only love thee as a Father, and honour thee as a Saviour, but reverence thee as a Lord, and fear thee as a Judge; O Lord, all things are open to thine eyes, neither is any thing hid from Thee, which seest the most inward thoughts and secrets of our hearts. Give me grace, O Lord, I beseech thee, that in all my enterprises, I may ever set thy fear before mine eyes, and so stand in awe of thee, and of thy Righteous judgments, that I attempt nothing whereby

whereby I ſhould provoke thy heavenly diſpleaſure againſt me; but ſo walk in thy fear, and in thy holy Ordinance, that I may at all times love thee as a Father, honour thee as a Saviour, reverence thee as a Lord, and fear thee as a Judge; ſo ſhall it come to paſs, that I reverently loving thee as a child doth his Father, ſhall not only avoid all ſuch evils as might make thee my heavy Lord and fearful Judge; but alſo imbrace thoſe virtues, which ſhall both evidently declare my faithful love, true honour, unfeigned reverence and humble fear towards thee; and alſo thee my Lord and loving Father, and moſt merciful Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the deſire of Heavenly things.*

O My GOD, O the ſweet life of my ſoul! what other thing beſides thee ought I to look after? what, have I not all things if I do poſſeſs thee who haſt created all things? There is nothing of any eſtimation, but only ſuch things as thou haſt made; for whatſoever grace of comlineſs, pleaſantneſs, fineneſs, ſweetneſs, virtue, dignity or riches, conſiſteth in any creature, the ſame proceedeth from thee,

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O God, and all things abundantly flow without any lack: O Creator moſt excellent, thou art the pleaſure of all things, thou art the abundant fulneſs of perfect joy, and the unmeaſurable Sea of all holy delight: Thou art that light and incredible clearneſs and paſſing brightneſs, which they do hear, ſee, taſte and feel, that are inwardly joyned unto thee, through exceeding pureneſs of heart, while they yet remain in this preſent exile: The loving embracements, nor the dainty kiſſes of the Mother, appeaſeth the weeping of her tender child; nor the pleaſant countenance of the husband towards his loving wife, are but as ſhadows and of no value, in reſpect and conſideration of the ſweet embracements, wherewith thou, O Lord, doſt allure the ſouls of thoſe that love thee: But if poor baniſhed men can be ſo bleſſed and happy, and that they can ſee ſuch incomparable goodneſs, who ſee thee but in a dark ſhadowed glaſs: how much more happier ought we then to judge of thy holy Citizens who ſee thee face to face? thoſe thy beloved children, do now moſt manifeſtly know, and in themſelves do feel how much thou doſt favour and love them, and from the beginning haſt loved them: thou, O Lord,

Lord, it is that doth qualifie, gladden, refresh and satisfie with a delicate desire of enjoying thy company, the hearts and wills of all men; and to say all, O eternal GOD, thou art all in all, in that most holy City of New *Jerusalem*: That is the happy day; and the singular day, whereof thou O Lord Jesus hast spoken to thy Disciples: *In that day you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you*: O day so much wished for with most hearty desire, wherein the holy souls shall be united unto thee, O GOD, and shall be inspired with a marvellous light of wisdom, and transformed into the brightness of eternal Glory; O Jesus grant I beseech thee, that so long as I am in the darkness of this misty desart, that the eyes of my mind may behold and contemplate the most shining light and brightness of thee, O God, and that I may always praise thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to God for zeal in Prayer.*

O My GOD, and Father, I beseech thee that if at any time I feel in my self any faintness or failing of fervency in calling upon Thee, that thou wilt kindle within my heart the Heavenly heat of thy most

holy Spirit, that I may burn in the Zeal of thee and thy holy houſe; and grant me thy Grace O LORD to cry with thy holy Apoſtle for the increaſe of Faith; that being awakned and ſtirred up by thy moſt tender and Fatherly affection and inſtigation, I may enjoy the effect of all my godly and neceſſary deſires, which thou haſt promiſed to give unto me in thy Son JESUS Chriſt, for whoſe ſake I expect all good things at thy hands: make my heart the undefiled inſtrument of peace and perfect thoughts, and my tongue the Trumpet of thine eternal Praiſe, my body the habitation of the Holy Ghoſt, mine eyes the windows to behold the worthy way that leads to Thee, my legs the ſupporters of my Body and Soul, towards the attaining of thy heavenly Kingdom: O LORD, thou knoweſt my hearty deſire is always to ſerve thee, and evermore to abide in thy love and favour: Grant unto me, LORD, of thy gracious goodneſs, that I may live in thy Law, walk in thy way, and die in thy Faith; and that I may clearly be delivered of the bondage of ſin, and be wholly out of death and damnation: give me the peace which the world cannot give; grant me the joy

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which thine Elect do poſſeſs; ſuſtain me with the comfort that never ſhall be void; erect me with hope that always ſhall perſiſt; inſtruct me with thy Word that ever ſhall endure; and advance me to thy Kingdom that never ſhall have end: then ſhall thy Glory ſtill live in me, and I ſhall never die, but Raign with thee for ever; to whom, O Father, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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## Prayers for Wednesday Night.

*O Lord my God and Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart, and open my lips, &c.*

### A Pſalm.

O LORD my GOD, thou haſt ſearched me out, and known me, thou knoweſt my down-ſitting, and my up-riſing; thou underſtandeſt my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed, and ſpyeſt out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knoweſt it altogether.

My reins are thine, thou haſt cover'd me in my mothers womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works, and that my ſoul knoweth right well.

My bones are not hid from thee, though I be made ſecretly, and faſhioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did ſee my ſubſtance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book were all my members written.

Which day by day were faſhioned; when as yet there was none of them.

O how dear are thy counſels unto me, O God, O how great is the ſumm of them!

O enter not into judgment with thy ſervant, for in thy ſight ſhall no man living be juſtified.

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly; preſerve me from wicked men, which are purpoſed to overthrow my goings.

Let my prayer be ſet forth in thy ſight as the incenſe; and the lifting up of my hands be an evening Sacrifice.

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Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips.

O Let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing, let me not be occupied in ungodlineſs with the men that work wickedneſs, leſt I do ſuch things as pleaſe them.

But teach me to do the thing that pleaſeth thee, for thou art my God, let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteouſneſs.

### *A Prayer for mortification.*

O Righteous God, and merciful Father, who art ſo pure and clean, that no corruption reſteth in thy ſight; and ſith there is required in all men the ſincere and inward zeal of the ſoul, and an abſolute killing of the motions of the fleſh, and mortifying of all carnal affection, look favourably upon me, O LORD, in whom doth dwell an innumerable troop of fooliſh fantaſies, and an heap of ſinful affections: I find and feel, O LORD, that though many times to will be preſent with me, yet to perform is not in my power; ſin doth prevail, and death through ſin ſwalloweth me up, ſo that I reſt in darkneſs of ſin, by giving ſcope unto mine own perverſe will; and ſuch

is my miſerable eſtate, that being thus of my ſelf, fleſh and blood flattereth it ſelf, and concludeth that whatſoever I purpoſe in an evil deſire, ſo that it break not forth into open groſs wickedneſs, that I am holy enough, that I am as ſincere as is requiſite, and that I ſtand too fearful of thy judgment. When thou knoweſt, O Lord, that all and every the leaſt conceit of ſin, breaking into action, in what covert meaſure, or mean degree ſoever, it by and by endangereth my ſoul, and deſerveth ſudden judgment; and therefore let it pleaſe thee, O Father, that as thy dear Son, through thy ſurpaſſing love, hath reconciled all ſuch unto thy favour again, that are truly penitent, ſo let thy holy Spirit continually work to the taming of my unbridled fleſh; and let me, by the ſame Spirit, come to a true mortification of all the evils that riſe up in me; So ſhall I deny and forſake my ſelf and follow thee; ſo ſhall I leave my ſelf, and come to thee; hate my ſelf, and love thee; conquer my ſelf, and ſerve thee.

And here thou ſeeſt, O my dear Father, [illegible] am moſt weak, and without the continual working of thy grace, I cannot in any meaſures ſuppreſs my deſires, but that they

they rather the more ſtrongly riſe in me: I cannot deny my ſelf, but I rather deny the working of thy grace in me; I do not only not mortifie my ſins, but ſin rather reviveth and becometh ſtrong in me, in as much as it bringeth forth fruit, not unto life, but unto death: therefore I beſeech thee, O heavenly Father, to ſanctifie me, that I defile not my ſelf with the filthineſs of the fleſh, nor fleſhly things, howſoever they may ſeem to pleaſe me: let me not be deceived with the pleaſing judgments of worldly men, who affirm ſin to be no ſin, darkneſs to be light, and light to be darkneſs, Atheiſm to be Religion, and ſanctity to be ſin. O dear Father, many are the Enormities that riſe up in us, and defended not only as things tolerable, but as things laudable: wherefore I beſeech thee to mortifie theſe evils, and let me no longer be beſotted with the filthy faſhions of this World: extinguiſh the flames of carnal deſires, repreſs the raging luſt of the fleſh: and grant that I may with ſhame, and with due watchfulneſs avoid all things that have but the appearance of evil; but being thus inwardly ſubdued, I may make outward profeſſion; that whatſoever I do, it may be ſimply grounded upon

a good conſcience: and let me ſtill retain this in memory, O Lord, that I cannot follow mine own will and thy word, that I cannot impart my affections to the deed of the fleſh, and the works of the Spirit, that I cannot walk in darkneſs and light, in the way of death, and in the way of life: wherefore, O moſt dear Father direct me in my whole life, and ſeparate me from the World, and worldly things; and let me dwell with thee in all Godly meditations and contemplations, and let me uſe the things of this world as I uſed them not: and being thus truly mortified in the body, and quickned in the ſpirit, I may look in continual watchfulneſs for the diſſolution of this my mortal body, that my ſoul may aſcend, and in the end, both ſoul and body may for ever-more enjoy the eternal joys of Heaven. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer againſt deſperation.*

O Moſt merciful GOD, greatly have I ſinned, and alas am guilty of many crimes: therefore unto thee do I cry, O moſt holy Father and eternal God, keep me in thy Name, that in Temptations and Extremities I never faint in courage; Moderate and mitigate my vexations, let them

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come to a joyful end, that I fall not into the most heinous sin of incredulity and despair. O Christ JESUS, Saviour of the world, whose mercy cometh unto us like a stream, who art my eternal happiness, I do from the bottom of my heart beseech thee to increase, establish, hope, and strengthen patience within me; for this certainly is true, that one little drop of thy sacred Blood shed for us is of more power to save us, than all our enormous sins to condemn us: wherefore, O sweet Saviour, look upon me with the eyes of mercy, as thou lookedst back upon *Peter* in the Hall of the High-Priests Palace, after he had both renounced thee, and cursed himself: O God the Holy Ghost be thou present with me in mine extream need, when the Devil will accuse me, and my conscience bear witness against me; when I shall be environed with horrible danger and temptations, and all things set themselves against me.

Strengthen my heart at that time, O comfortable Spirit, with the Zeal of thy Testimony, that undoubtedly I may believe the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and everlasting life, which shall be given to all believers. O blessed Trinity, and eternal God of one essence, give grace

that in every combate, eſpecially at the point of death, being mindful of thy Covenant made with me in Baptiſm, and of thy moſt comfortable promiſe annexed; which is, that all that believe and are baptiſed ſhall be ſaved, I may never doubt either of thy merciful good will towards me or of the free remiſſion and forgiveneſs of my ſins; but by often remembrance of this Sign and Covenant, I may daily more and more be confirmed in faith and hope of eternal happineſs: and here, O holy Trinity, lift up my ſorrowful heart, and pour upon me the wholſome comfort of thy Heavenly bliſs, and at the point of death refreſh me with the ſweet light of thy chearful countenance; that with exceeding joy I may deſire to depart, and come to thy heavenly houſe, where thou liveſt and reigneſt as my eternal GOD and Father, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the Power of GOD's Spirit to abide in us.*

O Omnipotent and Eternal GOD, and Father, which comforteſt ſuch as be ſorrowful, and who giveſt all good gifts, thou of thy free favour and love, haſt willed us in all our affairs and neceſſities,

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and as often as we ſtand in need of any of thy bleſſings, or feel our ſelves burdened with any kind of tribulation or affliction either of body or mind, to call upon thee in the Name of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, and thou wilt grant what we want; moſt humbly I beſeech thee, to ſend down upon my dark underſtanding, the bright beams of thy moſt holy Spirit, to lighten me, and to direct me in all my ſupplications and prayers; and eſpecially at this time, O Lord, for that thou knoweſt my weakneſs and ignorance to be ſuch, as I am altogether unable to frame my requeſts according to thy will, or to ſeek that which is for mine own ſouls health, wherefore I moſt humbly beſeech thee, O Lord, in the Name of him thy Son, to addreſs and prepare my heart to the true underſtanding, and unfeigned calling on thy Name for ſuch things as thy wiſdom ſhall think moſt expedient for me, both to the obtaining of thy heavenly Kingdom, which is before all things to be ſought for, and for temporal bleſſings beſt known to thee; which in reſpect of my ignorance, my dulneſs, my corruption, my weakneſs, and the guilt of mine own conſcience, I cannot crave in ſuch due and faithful manner as I ought;

ought; and therefore, moſt dear Father, I here beſeech thee in the Name of thy Son Chriſt, that thou wilt aid me with thy holy Spirit in my prayers; that being of my ſelf dull, I may be made Zealous; and whereas I am of my ſelf cold, I may be thereby made fervent and faithful, that my Prayers be not as a ſmoke which vaniſheth, or as the wind which paſſeth away, being only in the lips, and not firm in the heart; let it be effectual and an acceptable ſacrifice, ſweet and pleaſing in thy ſight; and that nothing paſs the bounds of thy unfeigned lips, that which may be ſeen a ſingle heart, always ſounding thine honour, and ſetting forth of thy moſt glorious praiſe; let thy holy Spirit, O Lord, come unto me; let it continue with me, work, and prevail effectually in me, unto the end; that I may both at this time begin, and for evercome continue as thou willeſt I ſhould, namely in Faith; that I fall not into any temptation, in hope that I may conſtantly look for, and faithfully attain unto perfect underſtanding of thy will, and ableneſs in all things to fulfil the ſame; make me alſo, good Lord, fervent in love, that I may freely and unfeignedly, even from my very heart, forgive and for-

get all injuries, wrongs, and evil doings, of such as by any means have offended me, with hearty prayer for their amendment, that I approaching unto the Throne of thy mercy, in a pure and single heart, may heartily, as well for all others, as for my self, for things necessary both for my soul and body, make my humble petitions unto thee, and in thy good time, tast that most sweet fruit of my humble desires, according unto thy will; so shall I shew forth thy praise, and give glory to thy Name for ever and ever, world without end. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the victory against sin.*

O LORD, there is no Victory without Fighting, nor any Crown without Victory; give me therefore power, O Lord, that fighting valiantly, I may be crowned gloriously in Heaven with thee to live for ever: minister strength unto me, that I may over-master mine enemies, and give me the spirit of patience, that continuing unto the end, I may be found and taken as a faithful Souldier of thy Son Jesus Christ, and so be blessed: let me not faint in fear, but let me fight in a lively faith, which over-matcheth all the whole world; plant me a natural branch, by the

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power of thy holy Word in the Vine *Jesus*, and make me able to endure every crack: let no canker of sin eat me, let no worm of a guilty conscience gnaw me, let no blast of the world overcome me; but stay me up with thy mighty hand, and be ever at my elbow, that I may be crowned though I be crossed, and saved, though now soused in extream misery; in this is all my hope: for surely of my self I am but a vapour, a worm; I am born of a woman in sin, a sinful child by nature, and to my power wage battel with Satan against my self, to my utter undoing, O Lord, unless thou regenerate me, and assist me with thy Spirit, always to resist him; which do, O gracious God, I beseech thee for thy great mercy, to whom be all power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer to be mindful of death.*

O GOD, in whose hands consisteth the life of all mankind, for thy Son Christ's sake, vouchsafe to give me grace to set before mine eyes, as a most certain mark, whereto this frail body of mine must tend it self the Image of that which is to the faithful the end of pain, and the beginning of pleasure; the end of misery, and the beginning of bliss: but to the secure

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and careleſs, the end of their pleaſures, and beginning of eternal pains. And vouchſafe, good LORD, that I may have an earneſt deſire of ſerving thee, and leading my life according unto thy will, that whenſoever it ſhall pleaſe thee to call me out of this life, I be not through fear ſtricken with doubt of condemnation, but even at the laſt gaſp, through unfeigned Faith in Jeſus Chriſt, may take and have taſte of eternal Salvation, that death be not bitter or terrible unto me; but rather when it cometh, I with joy receive the ſame in the Name of thy Son JESUS Chriſt. Bleſs me, good Lord, from the ſecond death, the everlaſting deſtruction both of body and ſoul, and juſtifie me in the death of thy Son, that my Name may be regiſtred in the Book of Life. O Lord comfort my guilty conſcience with the everlaſting light of thy bountiful favour, and let me have place among thy Saints in thy heavenly Kingdom. LORD, for thy mercies ſake, after this my bodily death, give me the fruition of thy preſence, in the rich Palace of endleſs bliſs: to whoſe merciful Protection I commend with all humility and reverence, my ſoul and body. Lord Jeſus preſerve me, Lord Jeſus comfort me, Lord

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Jesus pray for me; for only into thy hands that hast redeemed me, O Lord thou God of truth, I commend my soul both now and for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for a happy departure out of this life.*

O Most gracious and eternal GOD, thy years endure throughout all generations, and thy days are without end or beginning, but the days of Man are determined, which he cannot over-pass; and the number of his Months are fore-known unto thee: wherefore instruct me, O LORD, that being always mindful of my mortality, I never promise unto my self many years, nor long life in this pilgrimage of mine, so shall I not live securely, deferring my conversion to thee from day to day; nor yet put confidence in this frail and uncertain life, as that rich man spoken of in the Gospel: but give me grace, that in thy fear I may daily prepare my self to depart out of this prison; for nothing is more certain than death, though nothing more uncertain than the hour thereof: therefore I beseech thee, O Lord, to let me have always before mine eyes an image and mediation of my departure, the better to know the fleeting

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and vanity of this frail and cumberſome life; that I may live to thee my God, being found in faith, and ſtrong in hope, looking with cheerfulneſs for the day of my departure, and the joyful appearing of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt my Redeemer; and make me I beſeech thee, O LORD, a faithful and wiſe ſervant, looking for the coming of my Lord, for that I know not when he will come, leſt by a ſudden hour of death being overtook, I being found unready; but contrariwiſe, by prudent watching in true converſion and repentance, I may covet to be diſſolved, and to be with CHRIST my Redeemer; and grant alſo, O LORD, that at the point of death, having eſcaped all hardneſs and temptations, I may triumph like a Conquerour, and behold the power and preſence of thy holy Spirit; and let my laſt word be that which thy Son did utter upon the Altar of the Croſs, ſaying, Father into thy hands I commend my ſpirit; and when my ſpeech is taken from me, hear O God the groanings of my heart; and the hour of death being come, let thy ſervant depart in peace, through JESUS Chriſt my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all praiſe and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Petition to* GOD *the Father.*

O Omnipotent GOD and Father, I have asked here at this time many things of thee, and yet not deserved any; I confess alas, that not only those things which I require be not due unto me, but in stead of them most grievous punishments; yet O LORD, lay not my sins to my charge, for if thou shouldest, I were not able to abide or stand in thy sight, but O LORD, I most humbly beseech thee, that thou wilt forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may never hereafter offend in the same again: and vouchsafe I beseech thee of thy goodness O Lord, to direct, sanctifie, and keep my heart and body, my senses and doings, my talk and communication, in thy most holy Laws and Commandments; and that thy holy Angel may be with me to direct my feet unto the way of peace, truth and health; that I may be whole, safe and free in thee, and by thee, both here and in the world to come. O Christ hear me, and save me, which livest and reignest with the Father and the holy Spirit, God in perfect unity; to whom be praise for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

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## *An Evening Prayer.*

O Heavenly Father, I with all humility and reverence of heart and mind, beſeech thee this night, which thou haſt ordained for man to reſt in, that thou wilt guard and protect me with thy good guiding Spirit; and albeit my ſinful fleſh ſhall ſlumber and ſleep, yet grant that my ſoul may continually keep watch and ward; let not the enemy find me ſlumbering and ſleeping, as careleſs in the cradle of ſinful ſecurity, leſt that whilſt I am unarmed, that is, naked and deſtitute of thy help and favour, he enter in and break up the Houſe of my ſinful body; and make ſuch Havock and ſpoil, that my infected leprous ſoul, deformed by means of mine iniquity, and wounded with the dangerous darts of tranſgreſſion, be thrown with the body of ſin, into the lake of deſtruction; make me ſtill, O good Lord, to conſider that the bed is the plain pattern of the grave; make me to underſtand, that when I am laid of my ſelf, without thy Heavenly Providence, I cannot be able to riſe again; make me alſo to acknowledge that ſleep is the very Figure of death, to whoſe ſtroke, at thy appointed

ed pleaſure I muſt ſubmit my ſelf; endue me with love and charity to all men; let my lamp, O Lord, be garniſhed with oyl, that whenſoever thy meſſenger death ſhall draw nigh, and knock at the gate of my body, I may at his ſummons in the day of the Reſurrection of the dead, be ready to attend on thee my Bride with my burning lamp; that is, with a ſtedfaſt faith, when as by Faith I ſhall be cloathed with a new: for my mortal body ſhall be then covered with immortality, and the corruption of my ſinful and rebellious fleſh then changed to incorruption and perfect purity: thy righteouſneſs ſhall be mine, thy merits ſhall make me perfect and holy, by vertue whereof, Hell ſhall loſe his victory, death ſhall loſe his ſting, my faith and hope ſhall have its end and reward; and I with thy Saints, continually dwell in love and charity with thee and my Heavenly Bridegroom Chriſt Jeſus; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt, be aſcribed all power and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayers

## Prayers for Thurſday Morning.

O *Lord my God and Heavenly Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit,* &c.

### A Pſalm.

SAve me O GOD, for thy Names ſake, and avenge me in thy ſtrength.

Hear my Prayer, O God, and hearken to the words of my mouth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praiſe thy Name, O Lord, becauſe it is ſo comfortable.

I will praiſe God, becauſe of his Word, I have put my truſt in God, and will not fear what fleſh can do unto me.

In God's word will I rejoyce, in the Lord's word will I comfort me.

For thou haſt delivered my ſoul from death, and my feet from falling, that I might walk before thee in the light of the Living.

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Therefore will I call unto the moſt High God, even unto the God that ſhall perform the cauſe which I have in hand.

He ſhall ſend from Heaven, and ſave me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

He verily is my ſtrength and my ſalvation, he is my defence, ſo that I ſhall not greatly fall.

For the greatneſs of his mercy reacheth to the Heavens, and his truth unto the Clouds.

Wherefore my ſoul thirſteth for him, my fleſh alſo longeth after him, in a dry and barren land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holineſs, that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving kindneſs is better than life it ſelf, my lips ſhall praiſe thee.

My ſoul ſhall be ſatisfied even as it were with marrow and fatneſs, when my mouth ſhall praiſe thee with joyful lips.

Becauſe thou haſt been mine helper, therefore under the ſhadow of thy wings will I rejoyce. *Glory be*, &c.

## *A Morning Prayer.*

O Heavenly Father, which like a diligent Watchman attendeſt always upon thy children, whether they wake or ſleep, and mightily defendeſt them, not only from Satan that old enemy of mankind, but alſo from all other their adverſaries; ſo that through thy Godly power, they be preſerved harmleſs: I moſt humbly thank thee, that it hath pleaſed thy goodneſs ſo to take care of me thy unprofitable ſervant this night paſt; that thou haſt both ſafely kept me from all mine enemies, and haſt given me ſweet ſleep unto the comfort of my body. I moſt entirely beſeech thee, merciful Father, to ſhew the like goodneſs towards me this day in preſerving my Body and Soul, that mine enemies may have no power over me, and that ſo likewiſe I may neither breath, ſpeak, or do any thing that may be diſpleaſing to thy Fatherly goodneſs, dangerous to my ſoul, or hurtful to my neighbour; but that all my enterprifes may be agreeable to thy moſt bleſſed will, which is always good and godly, doing that that may always advance thy glory, and anſwer to my vocation, that whenſoever Thou ſhalt

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call me from this vale of misery I may be found the child not of darkness, but of light, and so for ever to reign with thee in glory, who art the true and everlasting Light; to whom with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all power and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for true sorrow of heart for sin.*

O Most merciful God and dear Father, vouchsafe I beseech thee to look down with thy fatherly eyes of pity upon me most vile and wretched sinner which lye here prostrate in heart, before the feet of thy bottomless mercy; for I have sinned against the throne of thy glory, and before thee O Father; yet nevertheless, forasmuch as thou art the God of all comfort, and again desirest not the death of a sinner, make me I pray thee, by infusing thy precious oyl of comfort into my wounds, that I may joyfully run with the lost son into the lap of thy pity; for lo thou art my hope and trust, in whom I repose my self, having in thee full confidence in faith; yea, and I most vile wretch, do here accuse my self unto thee O Father, in that I have so sore and grievously offended thy Almighty goodness

in the committing of ſo many grievous and manifold offences; I have not kept the leaſt of thy moſt holy Commandments, like as thy righteouſneſs may require the ſame of me; but in what manner ſoever I have offended againſt thy eternal Majeſty, whether it hath been by day or by night, ſecretly or openly, O mercifull GOD, I am ſorry for it, even from the bottom of my heart, yea my ſoul mourneth that I am not a thouſand times more ſorry than I am: and here in token of true repentance, I do knock and ſtrike my heart and ſay in bitterneſs of my heart and ſoul, Lord G O D the Father, have mercy; Lord G O D the Son, have mercy; Lord GOD the Holy Ghoſt, have mercy, and ſpare me of thy infinite goodneſs now and for ever; and let my heart have part of thy abundant grace, ſo as I may change my ſinfull life, and put off the old man with all concupiſcence, and that I may die unto the world, and the world to me: give my ſoul grace, O my G O D, to deſire in *thee* only to rejoyce and repoſe my ſelf, and that I may utterly renounce and forſake the vain aſſiſtance of this World, ſo that thou mayeſt find me ready with the good ſervant in the midnight of death, which ſhall ſuddenly ſteal upon me, like a thief

ere I be aware: wherefore be thou to me at that time (O Lord) a tower of ſtrength, a place of refuge, and a defenſible GOD, namely againſt the face of the Devil, who then will be ready to devour me, and againſt deſperation, which then will be ready to grieve me: let then thy comfort cleave faſt to me, thy mercy keep me, and thy grace guide me; fetch then again, Lord GOD the Father, that which thy puiſſant might hath ſhapen; fetch then again, Lord GOD the Son, that which thou haſt ſo wiſely governed, and bought with thy precious Blood; take again, thou Lord GOD the Holy Ghoſt, that which thou haſt kept and preſerved ſo lovingly in this region of ſin, and vale of miſery, three perſons and one GOD; to whom be all glory and power, for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for Wiſdom.*

O Almighty and everlaſting GOD, it is thy gift, that babes and men of baſe degree have the knowledge and underſtanding of thy will, and men of profound learning, deep ſtudy, and worldly appearance often want the ſame. It is thou which expelleſt darkneſs, and giveſt light; which takeſt away ignorance, and planteſt knowledge

ledge and wisdom, denying the same to none that unfeignedly ask it at thy hands; without the which nothing can be obtained which good is, nor nothing avoided with the evil: and that did *Solomon* very well consider, who had a promise at thy hands, that *whatsoever he asked he should obtain*: vouchsafe therefore, O Lord, to send it down from Heaven, where it attendeth about thy seat, and replenish my heart with the knowledge of it, that I may perfectly know what thy divine will and pleasure is in all things, and that I may always direct my ways by rule thereof, loving thee, and aboveall things, continuing most thankful for all thy Fatherly benefits bestowed and conferred upon me, and that prosperity overcome not, nor in adversity I be foolishly moved to seek remedy elsewhere than at thy hands only, who art my God, and who hast promised to give wisdom to all them that unfeignedly ask it: O Lord hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto thee; give perfect wisdom, whereby I may truly discern the difference between the Heavenly revelation, which is wisdom from above, and vain cogitations of worldly wits, considering that the one in all things, as well

in adverſity as proſperity, continueth moſt conſtant, ſtable, patient, and firm: whereas contrariwiſe, the other ſeeketh with more diligence to avoid the afflictions, troubles and calamities which thou layeſt upon thy children, but, moſt ſweet LORD, and Heavenly Comforter, grant that it may be far from my heart to think that any thing cometh to paſs otherwiſe than by thy Almighty providence, who willeth nothing, nor doeſt any thing but what is moſt expedient and neceſſary for the uſe of the bodies and ſouls of thy ſervants, which we cannot rightly conceive without this eſpecial gift of thine, wherewith for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt's ſake endue me, that I be not led by fond conceit, or deceive my ſelf with worldly experience; but governing my ſelf according to thy will, and meaſuring all my actions, words and thoughts, by the right rule of knowledge, in the end I may be found in the number of thoſe diſcreet Virgins, who had their Lamps continually burning, and not in the number of thoſe that were taken unprovided; that the coming of thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt* be not terrible unto me, but moſt acceptable and joyful; that in the end I may have free entrance into that moſt glorious Kingdom,

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which thy Son JESUS *Chriſt* hath purchaſed with his blood for all true Believers in him; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt be all glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the true Worſhip of* GOD.

O Moſt gracious God and loving Father, eſtabliſh my heart and mind in the true Worſhip of thy divine Majeſty; Make me to believe thy Holy and Sacred Goſpel, wherein I am daily and hourly inſtructed, to love, fear, honour, and obey thee; to renounce all ſuperſtitious ceremonies whereby thy Worſhip is defaced, thy Glory prophaned, and thine Honour greatly diminiſhed; give me thy grace to hate ſin and iniquity, and to renounce and forſake the vanities and wanton pleaſures of this wicked and ſinful world: Arm me, I beſeech thee, to mortifie and bring under the rebellious appetites and ſtrange luſts of the fleſh; and finally, give me power from above, to withſtand Satan the Prince of darkneſs, and all his damnable miniſters, who by divers temptations provokes and allures us from Godly purity, and perfect integrity, which paſſeth only from *Chriſt Jeſus* to us who is the fulneſs of our perfection and holineſs, to all kind of evil

impiety and uncleanneſs; by means where-of thy Worſhip is greatly prophaned, and of a ſet purpoſe contemned: make me, O LORD, I beſeech thee, by the power of a fruitful faith, to reſiſt and bridle the concupiſcence of my fleſh; in ſuch ſort that my ſoul may triumph with victory, and continue conſtant in worſhipping thee: prepare my heart and mind, to ſpread forth the glory of thy Name; keep my tongue from all filthy talk, and uncomely geſtures, leſt by the exerciſe of ſin, I contemn thy Worſhip, and provoke thee to diſpleaſure againſt me; ſet thou a watch before the gates of my mouth, that my lips by grace may be always made open to ſound forth thy praiſe: be merciful to mine offences, think thou not on mine unrighteouſneſs, but of thy clemency forgive thou freely, and pardon graciouſly all my ſins; make me faithful in Chriſt JESUS, ſhorten theſe dangerous days of iniquity, increaſe the number of thy choſen and peculiar Saints; haſten thy coming, O Saviour Chriſt, that I with the fellowſhip of thy Saints, heavenly Angels, and the bleſſed company of Martyrs, may celebrate thy praiſe, and worſhip thee in thy glorious Kingdom, before thy Father,

my GOD, and the holy Ghost; to whom be praise and glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for Charity.*

O Infinite Charity, thou Son of GOD, to whom the Father hath surrendred all power in Heaven and Earth: I have offended thee, and endangered my soul desperately: for Charity, O Charity! thou shalt judge the world in equity, and I have not Charity abiding within me: I love for gain, I hate mine enemies, I pray not for them that curse me and speak evil of me: I have of thy benefits, and yet I spare nothing for them that have need: O eternal Charity, I have hereby incurred the peril of thy just judgment: Whereof, O heavenly Charity have mercy upon me, and quit me from a replying conscience, and the court of the Devil; for else will mine own life exclaim against me, and crave damnation of my uncharitable conversion: O Lord my sweet Saviour, I beseech thee for thy bloody sweat, in the bottomless pit of thy mercy to drown all my transgressions: adopt me thy Brother, and give me thy holy Spirits testimony as a gage and earnest of mine adoption and election;

that being free from ſin, I may ſerve thee with a free conſcience, in hope of an unwavering faith in mercy. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for the feeling of* GOD's *Favour and Grace.*

O My LORD GOD, and dear Father, I here crave thy aſſiſtance and grace, that feel all things to work in me contrary to thy will: for blind is my mind, crooked is my will, and perverſe concupiſcence is in me as a ſpring and ſtinking puddle: faint is my faith, my ſinful life increaſing, and my ſins ſtill abounding, ſo as from offending thee O Lord, I cannot ceaſe neither day nor night, and my ſins are heavy upon me, preſſing me down even to Hell, ſuch is the weight thereof; moreover when I prepare my ſelf to amendment of life, and think ſtedfaſtly to ſerve and pleaſe thee, even ſoon after doth my corrupt nature offend and diſpleaſe thy divine Majeſty; ſo that I am prone and ready to run headlong into all kind of ſin and wickedneſs: ſuch is my ſtrength, ſuch is my force and weakneſs in performing thoſe things which thou requireſt at my hands; by reaſon whereof I am moved to doubt of thy goodneſs towards

me, unleſs thou of thy mercy and pity ſend thine aid from above, and pour into me thy moſt healthful grace, that I may moſt aſſuredly and faithfully truſt in the merits of my Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*, which is of far greater force, vertue and effect, in preſerving me, than all my ſins and offences are in condemning and caſting me away: wherefore O Father, as thou requireſt thus ſtrictly that I ſhould believe without doubting; ſo wouldſt thou in all my needs I ſhould come unto thee as a Father, and make my moan without miſtruſt of being heard in thy good time, as moſt ſhall make for thy glory and my comfort: Lo therefore, to thee dear Father do I come, in thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt*, praying thee of thy great mercy and goodneſs, to be merciful unto me, that I may love thee with all my heart for ever; that my works may be ever found holy in thy ſight, and that I may always not only ſtrive againſt ſin, but alſo overcome the ſame daily more and more, as thy children do, and above all things deſire the ſanctifying of thy Name, the coming of thy Kingdom, the doing of thy Will here on earth, as it is in Heaven, and that only through my Lord and Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*,

to whom be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to GOD to bless our endeavours.*

O My Celestial Father, be favourable unto me thy repentant servant, fled from mine enemies to thy help and succour. Impute not my sins unto me, for Christ's sake; for I have heard thy fatherly voice, and it soundeth daily in mine ears out of Heaven, promising me, and affirming constantly thy self to be appeased with me for thy Son's sake, whom thou commandest me to hear and believe, who is made of thee my righteousness, my salvation, my Peace, my Mediator and Intercessor, my fulfiller of the Law, my deliverer, and my whole holy accomplisher of all my just desires, and my Saviour Christ Jesus, God and Man, in whose Name at this time I attempt and take in hand all my just doings, according to my calling, desiring thy gracious goodness, O Lord God and Father, to prosper it, further it, and give it happy increase, that whatsoever I take in hand, justly to finish the same. O holy Father, bless all my endeavours with thy blessed increase, and let me not seek

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mine own will, but ever to pray that thy will be fulfilled; and let me not be led into temptation, but deliver me from all evil, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to live uprightly in our Calling.*

O GOD of all comfort, and giver of all consolation, forgive my sins, cleanse and wash me from all iniquities which disable me to perform my calling in such sort as becometh me: and through the blood of thy Son, purifie my heart and my imperfections, and sanctifie me with thy grace, that my sins being forgiven, I may rest in thy favour and continual comfort, and be daily blessed with new gifts; that I may be found perfect in my calling, seasoned so with a lively faith in thee, that thy holy Spirit may continually dwell and bear rule in me, and lead me to the due performance of those things which thou requirest to be done in my calling; that all unnatural affection being truly mortified, I may only rest in thee, and rely on thee, and be ruled by thee in all things: Good Father, grant that I may take the direct and right course in my vocation to eternal life, in which course

consisteth the inward peace of the Soul, which is only delighted in thy inviolable truth, revealed by thy Son, and is left unto us in his Word and last Will, in which his last Will and Testament are comprehended all necessary Rules, and the sacred discipline whereby thy children are to guide themselves in their several callings; which directions are comprehended in three principal virtues by thee bestowed on them that seek them at thy hand in the Name of thy Son; as Faith, Hope and Love; which three are so united and knit together in one, in thine elect children, that they through thy grace go not away in their calling: I therefore dear Father, being of my self ignorant, and of mine own power unable to comprehend the height of my calling, instantly beseech thee in mercy to behold me an unperfect creature, without these Virtues; and so adorn me with them, that I may be made perfect in all good works of the Spirit, that my labours and endeavours be not in vain in thee: and grant that I may joyn with all my travails, desires and endeavors, faith with faith, knowledge with knowledge, temperance with temperance, patience with patience, godliness with godliness, brotherly

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kindness with brotherly kindness; and with brotherly kindness, that I be not unfruitful in my calling, but may acknowledge thy Son Jesus Christ, and in him have peace of conscience, that I may be patient in troubles, long-suffering in wrongs, faithful in expecting hope in distress, rejoycing in heart, quieted in mind, in hope to enjoy at thy hands, and in thy good time whatsoever maketh for the true comfort of my soul, and the relief of my body; that in all true and inward feeling of thine aid, my calling may be made perfect, and sealed with the seal of thine own Spiritual Probation; so shall I thy unworthy servant be directed in the true knowledge of Thee. O blessed Lord, and loving Father, except thou thus direct me, I cannot stand, but shall fall into many miseries: for no Estate, no Degree, no Calling, Office, Function, or Trade of life can prosper, or be rightly performed without thy continual aid, direction and providence: therefore good Lord guide me by thy Spirit, increase my faith, give me wisdom and ableness in all things, to execute my calling as I ought: and to the execution thereof, bless all my members, make them apt and ready instruments to perform their duties, that in no point

I fail in a Chriſtian proceeding therein; and bridle me in the nature of fleſh and blood; which unleſs thou ſeaſon my affections by thy Spirit, will ſo much the more glory by how much that thou haſt exalted me, and inabled me to live in this world in higher reputation than other men, whereunto fleſh and blood is ready to attribute chiefeſt hearts eaſe, and by that ſubtil ſhift Satan many times moveth us to rely upon vain things. Wherefore, O good Father, vouchſafe, I beſeech thee, to ground all my affections upon thy fear, that I be not miſcarried in my calling from the true obedience of thee; without which neither honour, profit, wealth, wiſdom, or any other bleſſing of thine can ſtand, relieve or comfort me: be pleaſed therefore, dear Father, with me, and grant that all things that I take in hand, may begin in knowledge, proceed in fear, and end in love, that the whole courſe of my life may be bleſſed with good effect in all mine enterpriſes, that neither mine enemies rejoyce at my miſeries, the Godly be offended at my raſhneſs, nor my eſtate hindred by my fooliſhneſs: grant this, good Lord, for thy dear Sons ſake Jeſus Chriſt; to whom be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

Prayers

## Prayers for Thurſday Night.

*O Lord my God and Heavenly Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.*

### A Pſalm.

GRacious is the LORD, and righteous, yea, our GOD is merciful.

The Lord preſerveth the ſimple; I was in miſery, and He helped me.

Turn thou again unto my reſt, O my ſoul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou haſt delivered my ſoul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

What reward ſhall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will offer unto Him the Sacrifice of thankſgiving, and call upon his Name.

For why? the Lord is on my ſide, therefore I will not fear what man can do unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me; Therefore ſhall I ſee my deſire upon mine enemies.

It is better to truſt in the Lord, than to put any confidence in man: it is better to truſt in the Lord, than to put any confidence in Princes.

The Lord is my ſtrength and my ſong, and is become my ſalvation.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence, the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to paſs.

I will not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chaſtned and corrected me, but he hath not given me over to death.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: thou art my God, and I will praiſe thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

*A devout Prayer to* GOD *the Father.*

O Moſt bleſſed LORD, and loving Father, I wretched ſinner do here ask at thy hand's mercy and grace, who am in thy ſight moſt weak to ſtand in thy truth, and moſt frail to fall, and to break thy holy commandments, by the keeping of which we are known to be thy true ſervants, and

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by nothing else. O most merciful LORD GOD, I acknowledge my self daily to break the same: but where I have thus offended, I humbly ask of thee mercy and forgiveness; and Lord, for the true performance of the same, I humbly ask of thee strength to make me stand strong in faith, knowledge to work thy blessed will, the power to resist all errour and wicked imagination, thy wisdom to know the truth; for I confess and know O LORD, that all the worldly wit, policy, knowledge and strength is but foolishness in thy sight. Therefore I ask and continually crave, O Lord, that thy holy Spirit may guide all the imaginations, thoughts and desires of my heart, so that it may be my spiritual heart, and not my fleshly heart: for the most perfect among the children of men, lacking the wisdom, shall not be regarded; for the thoughts of mortal men are miserable, and our forecastings are uncertain: I add why this corruptible body is so heavy to my soul that it keepeth down my understanding, that it museth most on vain things; wherefore good Lord I beseech thee, comfort my sick soul, that it may walk in thy ways, and work thy will; and like as thou knowest the secrets

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of my heart, and the desires of the same; and how I would walk in thy truth, and work in the works of the same truth: so Lord, I beseech thee, refresh my soul according to thy merciful calling, that I may be stedfast in the true faith, and that I may never swerve from the holy and most blessed Ordinances of the Church, but that I may use them, receive them, and honour thee in them, according to thy most holy will, as in things which thou hast left to declare thy love unto us, and to assure our hope, and exercise our faith, that it should not be idle or wavering; for all things are possible unto thee, though they seem never so impossible unto us. O most loving Father, I know that by my sins I am not worthy thy blessed comfort and help, in this troublesome time of temptation, and trying of our faith; for that I am as one laden with ignorance, not knowing the height of thy high mysteries, nor the deceitfulness of subtil arguments of my Ghostly enemy, which daily doth assault my sinful soul, that I can find no rest: therefore, O LORD, like as thou knowest my will and hearts desire is to serve thee, and live and die in thy perfect faith: so I beseech thee never to

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ſuffer the ſubtil perſwaſions contrary to thy truth, to take place or root in my heart, but like as thou haſt created my heart, and given me a will to order the ſame, ſo Lord, I moſt humbly yield the ſame again into thy hands, deſiring thee by thy holy Spirit ſo to direct my ways, that they may be acceptable in thy ſight, now and for ever, through Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour; to whom with the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer to obtain the true love of* GOD.

O Lord my God, teach me thy humble ſervant, teach my heart, I beſeech thee, with what reverence it ſhould think of thee; tell my Soul with what delight it ſhould love thee; give my tongue ſome power to pour forth praiſes unto thee; correct my weakneſs, recreate my hope, direct my deſires, finiſh the work thou haſt begun, and bring me to the ſurneſs of thy mercy. O LORD, my GOD, I bow the neck of my ſoul under the feet of thy Majeſty, and in the loweſt degree of reverence, do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks. I yield thee praiſes, O LORD, although baſe and bare, far unanſwerable to thy deſerts; yet ſomething my weakneſs

is bound to perform, namely, to ſettle my mind to behold and love thee. O that my heart did ſo languiſh with thy love, that it might melt the moiſture of my body into tears! that the bowels of my ſoul were ſo inflamed with thy love, that it might conſume all droſſie deſires, dry up the very marrow of my bones! O that I were ſick for the love of Him who died for the Love of me! LORD, although I be not worthy ſo to love thee, yet art thou much more to be loved than I can expreſs; therefore do not ſo deny me of that whereof I acknowledge my ſelf unworthy, that thy ſelf be deprived of that thou art moſt worthy; and grant O Lord I beſeech thee, for thy mercies ſake, to my ſoul, that it may love thee as thou haſt deſerved, that I may be worthy to give that which thou art worthy to receive; ſo ſhall I then be worthy of that whereof now I am moſt unworthy: O moſt dear Lord, I feel in my heart a weak warmneſs of thy love; but my prayer is that the coals were throughly kindled with deſire, and blown with delight into a full flame: O ſacred fire, how comfortably doſt thou burn? O heavenly Light, how ſweetly doſt thou ſhine? how deſirous are they more and more to

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burn whom thou doſt inflame? how are they delighted whom thou doſt enlighten? hear O my God, hear O light of mine eyes, increaſe my deſire, and grant my requeſt, ſtop not thine ears againſt me becauſe of my ſins, endue my ſoul with thy love, ſubdue my fleſh with thy fear, that I may always think of thee joyntly both with trembling and truſt: ſettle the love of thee in me, and the care of me in thee; let my prayer come unto thee, and thy mercy unto me; let the joy of thy happineſs remain with me, and the compaſſion of my miſeries with thee; let my heart love thee, let my fleſh fear thee, and let my whole ſubſtance in this world joy wholly in thee, that I may enjoy thee wholly in the world to come, by thee, O Chriſt, who art my Saviour and Deliverer; to whom belongeth all power and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer in heart to feel ſpiritual comforts.*

O Lord GOD and moſt dear Father, now I fully know the heart of man is not in his own power; for thou haſt taught me by thy diminiſhing the Spirit of comfort in my heart, that it is thou only which

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makeſt joyful the heart of man; and which diminiſheſt the ſame joy according to thy good pleaſure and will: therefore O dear Father, I beſeech thee to ſend me thy moſt bleſſed comfort, and ſtrength of Faith into my heart, to fill the ſame with ſpiritual joy; and that by the working of thy holy Spirit in me, the comfortable promiſes of thy merciful Protection may be ſealed in my heart, and ſink deep into my ſoul, that I may be fully aſſured that thou art my ſtrong rock and houſe of defence, that thou doſt keep me as the apple of thine eye, and that thou wilt not lay more upon me than thou wilt give me ſtrength to abide; but that thou wilt aſſuredly at thy appointed time, renew my heart, and the whole power of my mind, that I may fully glorifie thy Name. Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, in me, (which is the aſſurance of my Salvation) doth continually ſend forth unſpeakable ſighs and longings for thy full and joyful preſence: I beſeech thee therefore, O dear Father, for thy Son JESUS's ſake, hearken to my prayers, and grant my requeſts: make tender my hard and ſtony heart by thy holy Spirit, that I may from the bottom of my heart acknowledge

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thee to be my most merciful God and Father, and all things in thy holy Word to be most certain and true, and reverently embrace the same, and in my soul to take comfort and joy of the same, that I may even to my lives end walk before thee in sincerity of heart being assured of my salvation, through that one alone sacrifice for my sins, made by thy dear Son Jesus Christ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A fruitful petition to* GOD.

O LORD GOD of infinite wisdom, inspire my heart, and direct my voice, that I may not think nor utter any thing before thy Majesty, but that which thou knowest to be expedient for me to ask, and glorious for thee to give. Turn not my prayer, good Lord, into perdition, nor my suit into sin; for thou art the God of my Fathers, on whom I wholly depend; save me for thy mercies sake; O save me as I have always put my trust in thee, and when through the perverseness and forward inclination of my nature, I fall into any wickedness and sin, leave me not, good Lord, unto them; acquit me from the inordi-

inordinate luſt of the body; let no deſire of uncleanneſs take hold upon me, and give me not over to an unſhamefaſt and obſtinate mind. Lord, here I ſtand, vile wretch, before the throne of thy dreadful preſence, hoping that I ſhall be heard, not in the faintneſs of my faith, but in the power of thy promiſes. O weigh my weakneſs, and grant my deſires, as thou knoweſt moſt meet for me; then can I want nothing, and my conſcience ſhall be comforted with all ſpiritual conſolation in Jeſus Chriſt; to whom with thee, O Father, and the holy Spirit, be aſcribed all power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer to be ingrafted into Chriſt.*

O LORD, it is mercy without merit, that I am a branch of the Vine Jeſus; that I am the Houſe and Temple of the Holy Ghoſt. It is of Juſtice that thou haſt appointed thy houſe to be a place of prayer, and of duty therefore that we ſhould pray unto thee. For this, O Lord, I thank thee, that thou haſt made me thy child, to lodge me; and I acknowledge, that of duty I am bound to ſerve thee; but give me O Lord, the grace of thy Spirit to conduct me in the

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way of thy will: cleanſe or create a new heart within *me*, that I may be a fit lodging for thee, and yield up the ſavoury ſacrifice unto thee, which thou requireſt of every Chriſtian; I mean the ſacrifice of prayer, the ſacrifice of the heart, which ſavoureth ſweetly unto thee. And at this time, in hope of the aſſiſtance of thy holy Spirit, I deſire thee, that as thou haſt of mercy covered me under thy wings of ſafety; ſo thou wilt defend and keep me from all the ſtorming rages of Satan, who is wont not only by day, but alſo, and that eſpecially, by night, to undermine man when his ſenſes are fettered in bands of reſt; but I hope, O good Lord, that as I am then moſt unable, and at all times elſe to withſtand the buffets and aſſaults of Satan, ſo thou wilt be moſt ready to ſuccour me; and partly, becauſe thereby thou ſhalt unlock the riches of thine infinite mercy and pity; and partly becauſe thou loveſt every thing which thy hands have made. For which, and for all other thy bleſſings, I yield thee all honour, power and glory, which is due only to thy bleſſed Majeſty, for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer againſt evil imaginations.*

O Lord, cleanſe my heart, I do beſeech thee, from all impure and wicked cogitations and thoughts; give me a clear conſcience, ſhame-fac'd eyes, modeſt hands, and a tongue to tell the truth: and, ſeeing there is nothing hid that ſhall not be diſcovered, good Lord, I beſeech thee to ſearch my thoughts, and renew in me thy holy Spirit; direct my feet in thy ways, that walking after thee in the path of the righteous, I may paſs through this vail of miſery, bearing thy banner ſtoutly in my warfare, and in the end obtain everlaſting joy, the promiſed hire of ſuch as have born thy Croſs, and valiantly fought with the armour of faith againſt temptations and all evil; vouchſafe, O Lord, to grant all theſe my ſupplications and petitions, for thy dear Sons ſake, Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be aſcribed all power and glory for ever. *Amen.*

*An Evening Prayer.*

O Heavenly Father, the giver of all good things, and the protector of all thoſe that love thee, I yield thee moſt humble and hearty thanks, not only for keeping and preſerving me this day, but all my life; that neither my enemies have prevailed againſt me as they ſought, nor any other danger which in this world is incident unto mankind hath overcome me, but haſt like a loving Father and careful purveyor, given and provided for me all things neceſſary; for which thine ineſtimable love, I cannot ſufficiently praiſe thee. O Lord, forgive mine offences which this day I have committed and done againſt thy Almighty Majeſty: pardon them, O God, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, and vouchſafe me thy grace to amend my life, and to return unfeignedly to the ſerving of thee; And foraſmuch as I cannot continue without thy continual protection, vouchſafe to extend the ſame unto me thy wretched creature this night, that I may quietly take my reſt, which thou haſt appointed for the refreſhing of my wearied and weak body; and further, I beſeech thee, O Lord, to guard and defend me, that no-

thing hurt me; keep me alſo, good Lord, from ſudden and unprovided death, and preſerve me by the watch of thy holy Angel, that I may take my reſt this night in thee until the morning, and then give my ſelf to the fulfilling of my duty, and the diſcharge of my vocation, and the doing of thy will unto my livesend; for which thy favour, I humbly beſeech thee, and for all things elſe neceſſary for me, and for all other whom thou haſt commanded us to pray for; and namely, for all ſuch as are in any kind of affliction in body or mind, for the teſtimony of thy truth, that thou wilt ſtrengthen them and thy whole Church in pure Religion; and here, O Lord, I beſeech thee to embrace me with the arms of thy mercy; vouchſafe to receive me into the boſom of thy love, ſhadow me with thy wings, that I may ſafely take my reſt in thee this night, in the Name of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, in whoſe Name I refer me wholly to thy loving protection, beſeeching thee that when this life ſhall end, my laſt ſleep being come, I may take my everlaſting reſt with thee in thy eternal Kingdom; for the which Kingdom, I do heartily beſeech thee of thine inæſtimable goodneſs, both of my ſelf and

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all other thy dear ſervants, that we may attain the ſame, for the glory of thy holy Name, and our endleſs comfort, through the merits of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord and only Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

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## Prayers for Friday Morning.

O *Lord my God and Heavenly Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit,* &c.

## A Pſalm.

MY ſoul truly waiteth ſtill upon God, for of him cometh my ſalvation.

In God is my help and my glory, the rock of my might, and in God is *my* truſt.

I called upon him with my mouth, and gave him praiſe with my tongue.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for, thou art my hope even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holpen up even ſince I was born, thou art he that

took me out of my mothers womb, my praiſe ſhall be always of thee.

Wherefore praiſed be God which hath not caſt out *my* prayer, nor turned his mercy from me.

O let *my* mouth be filled with thy praiſe, that I may ſing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Caſt me not away in time of age forſake me not when my ſtrength faileth me.

My mouth ſhall daily ſpeak of thy righteouſneſs and ſalvation, for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the ſtrength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteouſneſs only.

For thou, O God, haſt taught me from *my* youth up until now, therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Thy righteouſneſs, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou haſt done, O God, who is like unto thee?

O what troubles and adverſities haſt thou ſhewed me, and yet didſt thou turn and refreſh me, yea, broughteſt me from the depth of the earth again.

Therefore will I praiſe thee, and thy faithfulneſs, O God, which art the holy One of *Iſrael*.

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My tongue alſo ſhall talk of thy righteouſneſs all the day long, for there is no end thereof. *Glory*, &c.

## *A Morning Prayer.*

O Lord, the glorious face of the Sun which ſheweth it ſelf, and caſteth its beams over the whole World, I take it for an argument and earneſt peny of thy good will toward thy children, in the number of whom I account my ſelf, though chief of ſinners, and not worthy to looſe the latchet of thy ſhooe; for if we enjoy ſuch a benefit in this ſtrange country together with thine enemies, then what joyous ſights, what ſtore of thy goodneſs ſhall we reap in our natural country, the blisful Land of *Canaan*, where we ſhall not ſee this worldly Sun, but thee, even thee, good Lord, face to face, the Son of thy glory, and only Star of Majeſty! Such joys, O Lord, ſhall we have in the beholding of thee, as neither the eye hath ſeen, nor ear hath heard, nor heart ever conceived: ſuch joys, I ſay, as paſs the reach, not only of man, but alſo of Angels, to eſteem: bleſſed are the doorkeepers of this houſe of joy, where thou, O Lord, the Son of righteouſneſs, doſt

moſt clearly ſpread forth the beams of thy divine power. Oh how long ſhall I live in this priſon, how long ſhall I journey in this body of ſin? wherefore, O God of comfort, and Father of mercy, I do not doubt, but that as I wander in this field of vanity, ſo thou wilt recall me by the light of thy Goſpel to thine houſe, there to dwell and reign for ever. *Amen.*

## *An humble Confeſſion to Almighty God.*

O Moſt mighty God and merciful Father, I preſent my ſelf before thy Majeſty, defiled with the filthineſs of many and moſt grievous ſins, whereof I do confeſs I am not able to anſwer thee one of a thouſand, if thou, O Lord, ſhouldeſt enter into judgment with me! for in ſin was I born, and therefore am guilty of original corruption, and in ſin have I lived and continued, and therefore ſtand guilty of actual tranſgreſſion, which hath broken forth upon me, in thought, word and deed, from time to time, continually, even unto this preſent hour: wherefore, I humbly crave thy mercy, and the grace of forgiveneſs in Jeſus Chriſt: for therein I confeſs, O Lord, ſtandeth the only hope of my comfort and ſalvation: And foraſ-

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much as it hath pleaſed thee to give thine own Son to be a ſlain ſacrifice for our ſins, and to offer the grace of reconciliation, by preaching the Goſpel to all them that repent and believe the ſame: good Lord, I beſeech thee vouchſafe to make me of that bleſſed number; work true repentance in my heart, increaſe my faith, and give me grace to bring forth the fruits thereof, that ſo it may appear that I have not received thy grace in vain: and for this purpoſe, good Lord, I beſeech thee bleſs the Miniſters of thy Word: and give them grace to ſpeak it as it ought to be ſpoken, and give thy people grace to hear it attentively, to believe it ſtedfaſtly, and to follow it obediently: that ſo ſerving thee faithfully in this life, we may live and reign with thee for ever in the life to come. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for the increaſe of Faith.*

O Almighty God, and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt: by thy Word we are taught to love thee, fear thee, and ſerve thee; and in true godlineſs and ſincerity of life, is the only way and means to continue thy love and favour towards us, without the which we cannot but periſh: and that belief and confidence in thy Son Jeſus Chriſt,

is the only means of our redemption and attonement with thee, and the only hold of our ſalvation, whereof we cannot be ſufficiently aſſured without thy ſpecial gift of faith, which is the anchor whereto the cable of our ſalvation is faſtened; which being broken, the hope of our ſalvation cannot but decay and be of none effect: vouchſafe therefore, O moſt merciful God, to plant one ſpark of true faith in my heart; and that it may grow to ſuch perfection, that I may know thee, perfectly love thee, duly fear thee, and unfeignedly acknowledge Jeſus Chriſt to be ſent into this wretched World to ſave us miſerable ſinners: O Lord, grant me to take ſuch hold of his Death and Paſſion, Reſurrection and Aſcenſion, that by his Death I may have pardon, and by his Reſurrection riſe to righteouſneſs, and by his Aſcenſion aſcend with him to thy celeſtial glory; and finally attribute the cauſe and means of my ſalvation to proceed only of his Paſſion: increaſe this faith in me, good Lord, daily more and more, that it may grow by the working of thy holy Spirit to full perfection, accompanied with good works and godly behaviour, without the which I confeſs that faith cannot be: with-

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hold not from me, good Lord, that ſingular gift of thine which is the ſtay of my happineſs; and the want thereof, a moſt certain token of my perdition; no good thing is wanting to him on whom thou vouchſafeſt to beſtow this gift; to him all things are light, and in him remaineth no darkneſs at all: baniſh, moſt ſweet Lord, therefore all misbelief, all wavering and doubting out of my heart, and plant inſtead thereof unfeigned faith, that applying the ſame to every affliction both of body and mind, I may vanquiſh and overcome Satan, withſtand the delights of this world, and ſuppreſs the corruptible motions of the fleſh, and enjoy at thy good pleaſure health of body, and ſoundneſs of mind, and all things requiſite for me. A moſt precious jewel is faith; for thou haſt ſaid, that whoſoever heareth the Word, and believeth in Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent, ſhall have everlaſting life; then on the contrary, he that believeth not, is in danger of everlaſting death. O Lord, increaſe my faith, wherein I may believe in that thy Son, and take hold of all his promiſes; who ſaid, that whoſoever believeth in him ſhall want no manner of thing that is good; Lord, I

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believe, help my unbelief; and give me faith; yea, but as a grain of muſtard-ſeed, and I ſhall be able to remove Satan out of his deſired habitation, and to expel him and his miniſters, and walk no longer according to the will of the fleſh; but caſting away the works of darkneſs, enjoy the pure light of the Goſpel, and perſevere and abide therein without fainting, in any tribulation or vexation of ſpirit, going forward in hope, in fear, in love, and unfeigned zeal towards thee, and obtain at thy merciful hands whatſoever is neceſſary in this life; and after this life ended, enjoy thy celeſtial inheritance; which grant me for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, to whom be all honour, *&c.*

## *A Prayer of Thankſgiving for the Paſſion of Chriſt.*

O Lord Jeſus Chriſt, God and man, we thank thee for that of thy only and free mercy, without any works or worthineſs at all of ours, thou haſt redeemed us miſerable ſinners, through thy moſt innocent and holy Paſſion: O ſweet Jeſus, how bitter and great were thy pains? how horrible and cruel thy puniſhment? how grievous and lamentable thine afflictions?

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the ſame unto thy Father in wonderful patience; that ſo by thy torments having quitted us from all guiltineſs, as well of fault as of puniſhment, we might be healed; to this end thou didſt bear the burden of our ſins upon the wood of the Croſs, that thou mighteſt recover the peace of ſouls, and obtain the true righteouſneſs for as many as believe in thee: wherefore, O Jeſus Chriſt, thou Son of the living God, for theſe torments and all other thy paſſions, I will honour and praiſe thee for ever, beſeeching thee moſt humbly, that thy paſſions may work and take effect in me; and that always being mindful of the ſame, I may rejoyce therein, and make it a comfort for my ſelf againſt all the temptations of Satan, and the fear of ſin and the Law, and that thy Croſs may be an example unto me; that walking in thy ſteps, I render not rebuke, but for rebuke may imitate thy long ſuffering, praying for ſuch as perſecute and offend me; and finally, that I may ſo think upon, and celebrate the cauſe of thy death, that the conſideration thereof may utterly extinguiſh all the flames of unlawful concupiſcence, and bury the inticements of the fleſh, and nouriſh the love of vertue within me, that

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ſo being wholly dead unto ſin, I may live unto righteouſneſs, and ſerve thee which bareſt our ſins in thy body upon the Croſs, which liveſt and reigneſt with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghoſt, one God for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for mercy for our offences.*

O Lord, I am a grievous ſinner, I have paſſed and broken the banks of thy Commandments from the womb to this day; I have with the Pirate Satan, ſailed in the ſhip of iniquity, ſo that I may ſay with *Paul, I am chief of all ſinners.* This muſt I needs confeſs to thee, thou God of Juſtice, and this worm of conſcience biteth me; what then, good Lord, ſhall the worm devour me? ſhall this ſnake of conſcience ſting me to death? What, good Lord, is the ſtream of thy mercy ſtopped? are the rivers of thy grace dryed up? doſt thou not call me, ſaying, Come unto me? Yea, good Lord, and therefore deſpair I will not, it is not thy will that any ſinner ſhould periſh; and thou haſt not only ſaid, but ſworn it, that thou wilt not the death of a ſinner, but rather his converſion and life. Behold therefore, dear Father, I come unto thee, being a grievous offender, in hope of par-

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don, in the Name of thy Son, who by his own teſtimony came into this world to ſave ſinners: he was content to blot out that obligation which Satan had againſt me, by the floud of his moſt precious blood which iſſued out of his glorious ſide. In this pool he hath waſhed away the leproſie of ſin, were it never ſo deſperate. O Lord and gracious God, I have waſted my days in vanity, I have from time to time trodden under my feet the pearls of Chriſtian profeſſion; even from the womb have I been a rebellious traitor to thy Majeſty, a friend to this world, to godlineſs an enemy. But now, O Lord, I cry unto thee, forgive me, forgive me; Now I come unto thee, therefore cover me with the wings of thy mercy, that I periſh not; good Lord, accept thy Sons merits for a ſatisfaction for my ſins, drown them in the ſtream of thy mercy, and caſt them behind thee for ever, good Lord, I beſeech thee. O ſweet Lord, look upon me with thy moſt precious and piteous eye, leſt that be deſtroyed which thou of thy great goodneſs haſt made, and Chriſt thy Son of ineſtimable love, and infinite charity hath redeemed, through his bitter paſſion. This is the total ſum unto thee of all my ſuit, O

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Lord, mercy, mercy, O Father of mercy: mercy is the thing that I beg, have mercy and pity upon me; be thou my ſhepherd to defend me, my Caſtle of defence to ſave me againſt the power of the Devil: thou haſt ſtore of mercy for them that ask it; Therefore, O Lord, for the wounds of thy dear Son have mercy upon me: let not ſin ſting me to death, but lay to my ſore ſoul the ſalve of thy mercy: grant this, O dear Father, of thy merciful compaſſion; to whom be all glory for ever, and for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

## *A fruitful Prayer to God the Father.*

O Lord my God wherein is my hope fixed in this life, or what is my greateſt comfort of all things that are any where under the cope of heaven, but only thou my Lord and God, whoſe mercy is infinite? when was it with me well if thou wert abſent, or ill if thou wert preſent? doubtleſs I would rather chuſe to be poor for thee, than rich without thee, and rather to be with thee a pilgrim on earth, than without thee to poſſeſs Heaven: where thou art, there is joy and peace of conſcience; where thou art not, there is woe and deſtruction; thou alone art the thing I deſire, and there

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is none can assist me in my troubles but thou alone, O God: thou art my hope, thou art my confidence, thou art my comforter in all things most faithfully: all men seek their own, but thou desirest nought but my welfare, and turnest all things for me to good, therefore in thee, my Lord and God, I place all my confidence, on thee I do lay all my calamities and troubles; for without thee whatsoever I behold, is as frail and transitory: For neither can friends profit, nor strong men help, nor wise men counsel well, nor learned books comfort, nor riches save, nor secret place hide, unless thou be present to help, strengthen, comfort, instruct and keep; for whatsoever seems to belong to the attainment of peace and felicity without thee, is nothing, and bringeth indeed no felicity at all; so that thou art the chiefest end and perfection of life, and that in thee to trust, above all things, is the chiefest comfort of thy servant. O my God and Father of mercy, bless, make my soul holy with celestial happiness, that it may be thy sacred habitation and temple purged from all filthiness. O Lord, according to the greatness of thy mercy, look upon me, and hear the supplications of thy poor servant, living far off,

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a baniſhed man, in a ſavage country: Protect and keep the ſoul of thy ſervant, among ſo many dangers of this mortal life, and bring me by the conduction of thy favour into the country of eternal glory, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all honour, power and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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## Prayers for Friday Night.

O *Lord my God and Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: diſpoſe my heart, open my lips, and give,* &c.

### A Pſalm.

WIth my whole heart have I ſought thee, O let me not go wrong out thy commandments.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right ſpirit within me.

Caſt me not away from thy preſence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and ſtabliſh me with thy free Spirit.

Stabliſh thy word in thy ſervant, that I may fear thee, and turn away mine eyes, leſt

leſt they behold vanity, and quicken thou me in thy way.

So ſhall I always keep thy law, yea, for ever and ever.

Yea at midnight I will riſe to give thanks unto thee, becauſe of thy righteous judgments.

O let thy merciful kindneſs be my comfort, according to thy word unto thy ſervant.

And let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live, for thy law is my delight.

My ſoul hath longed for thy ſalvation, and I have a good hope becauſe of thy word.

O how ſweet are thy words unto my throat! yea, ſweeter than honey unto my mouth.

Through thy commandments I get underſtanding, therefore I hate all wicked ways.

Order my ſteps in thy word, ſo ſhall no wickedneſs have dominion over me.

O let my ſoul live, and it ſhall praiſe thee, and thy judgments ſhall help me.

I have gone aſtray like a ſheep that is loſt: O ſeek thy ſervant, that I do not forget thy commandments. *Glory be to the Father*, &c.

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## *A Prayer for the ſuppreſſion of corrupt affections.*

O My God and moſt loving Father, I do acknowledge that I have moſt highly offended thy ſacred Majeſty, by my groſs and moſt filthy life, and have provoked thee to anger by my abominable wickedneſs: wherefore, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and pardon me this great wickedneſs; look not upon me, good Father, with the eyes of Juſtice, neither do thou draw againſt me the ſword of Judgment; for then how ſhall I that am but duſt and aſhes ſtand in thy ſight, when thy wrathful indignation cometh forth as a whirlwind, and thy heavy diſpleaſure as a mighty tempeſt; ſeeing the earth trembleth, the depths are diſcovered, and the very Heavens are ſhaken when thou art angry? Exerciſe not therefore, good Lord, thy fury againſt me, that am but as chaff before the wind, and as ſtubble againſt a flaming fire: Though I have ſinned grievouſly in thy ſight, preferring my wicked deſires before thy holy Commandments, eſteeming the pleaſure of a moment before eternal and everlaſting joys;

joys; yet am I bold, O merciful Father, to proſtrate myſelf before the Throne of thy Majeſty, heartily to beſeech and humbly to intreat thee, that thou wilt not deal with me according to my deſerts; for I have none in heaven to fly unto but thee, nor in the earth of whom I may receive any comfort, but at thy fatherly hands, which are ſtretched out day and night, to receive all that by earneſt repentance turn unto thee, and to refreſh their diſtreſſed conſciences: wherefore, O Lord, in the multitude of thy mercies I approach unto thee, deſiring thee to look down from the height of thy ſanctuary, upon me poor and wretched ſinner, and to wipe away mine offences, and to blot out my miſdeeds, eſpecially all thoſe my ungracious, unclean, and ungodly Acts, that they may not come up in remembrance with thee, nor be imputed to me for ever.

For thy Sons ſake, O Lord, in whom thou art well pleaſed, and in whom thou waſt fully ſatisfied upon the Croſs for my ſins, grant me free pardon and remiſſion, in that I have ſo fooliſhly, by my exceeding frailty committed againſt thee; but quicken thou me, O Lord, that art the fountain

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of life, and call thou out of heaven thy dwelling place, that my wandring ſoul may hear the voice of her ſhepherd, and follow thee whereſoever thou leadeſt. O give me thy helping hand, and by thy Spirit caſt down, ſubdue, and mortifie my raging luſts and affections; let me not any longer be occupied in ungodlineſs, leſt mine enemies triumph over me: pluck up, O my good Father, theſe roots of bitterneſs, that no unſavoury fruit may come of the Tree, which thou of thine own hand haſt planted. I deſire, I look, I call, I cry for thy aſſiſtance, that I may conquer and ſubdue all the ſinful and unruly motions of my heart. O bleſſed Saviour, that haſt granted ſo many petitions upon earth, to them that were careful for thy body, fulfil I pray thee this *my* deſire: mortifie, good Father, in me the old body of ſin, and give unto me a new body, purged from theſe works, to ſerve thee the living God: renew my ſpirit daily, that I may caſt away theſe works of darkneſs: why ſhould my body, made by thy hands, and my ſoul framed according to thy Image, be given over as a prey into the hands of Satan? Deliver me, O Lord, from the ſnare of the hunter, and preſerve me from the

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hand of mine enemy, who lieth in wait for my ſpiritual life, and laboureth for my everlaſting deſtruction. To thee I fly, O Lord, for ſuccour, hide me therefore under the ſhadow of thy hand, that none of the fiery darts of Satan take hold on me. And ſo, good Lord, to conclude, for the love thou beareſt unto mankind, for thy Sons ſake Jeſus Chriſt, who hath taken our nature upon him, grant that I may not be tempted above my ſtrength, but that in all temptations I may fly unto thee, as mine only comfort and ſalvation, and that thou wilt of thy mercy and goodneſs, give me grace and deſire to withſtand all the motions of my ſinful fleſh and affections: which word of thine, I beſeech thee, O Lord, to perfect and fully accompliſh in me, that I may do all things pleaſing in thy ſight for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Prayer for redreſs of a ſinful life.*

O Moſt merciful God and dear Father, grant that with heart I deſire thee, with deſiring ſeek thee, in ſeeking find thee, in finding that I love thee, and, by loving thee, that I turn not again to my former ſins, which thou haſt redeemed: give me, O Lord, a repentant heart, and a contrite

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ſpirit: quench in me, O King of Glory, the luſt of my Fleſh, and kindle in me the fire of thy Love. O my Redeemer, take from me the ſpirit of pride, and moſt favourably enrich me with the meaſure of humility; remove from me, O my Saviour, the fury of Anger, and graciouſly arm me with the ſhield of Patience: O my Creator, root out of me all rancour, and endue me with a chearful and meek heart, and beſtow upon me a perfect Faith, right Hope, and conſtant Love: preſerve me from all vanity, inconſtancy of mind, wavering of heart, ſcoffing of tongue, wicked ſlandering; from the vice of hypocriſie, the poyſon of flattery, contempt of the poor, oppreſſion of the weak, from greedy avarice, cankered envy, and deadly blaſphemy: root out of me, O my Lord and Maker, raſh boldneſs, contumacy, frowardneſs, negligence, idleneſs, blindneſs of heart, obſtinacy of mind, ſavage conditions, contempt of that good is, rigour towards my neighbour: O my God and merciful Father, I beſeech thee in Jeſus Chriſt, to bleſs me with the works of mercy, and zeal of godlineſs: to ſuffer with the afflicted, to miniſter to the needy, to counſel them

that go aſtray, to comfort the ſorrowful, to pardon them that treſpaſs againſt me, to love them that hate me, to render good for evil, to imitate the good, to beware of the evil, and to embrace vertue, to guard the door of my mouth, to watch the enemies that compaſs my lips, to deſpiſe worldly things, and earneſtly to thirſt after the Heavenly: through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for continual remembrance of of our end.*

O God, the only giver of life, and the maintainer and preſerver thereof, and the life after death; grant me true conſideration that this body of mine is builded upon an earthly foundation, and framed of the ſubſtance of duſt and clay, which is not durable, the glory whereof vaniſheth like the flower of the field, which is ſoon cut down and withered; the body is the manſion, or rather the priſon of the ſoul, and the ſame ſo frail, weak and feeble, ſubject to ſo many cauſes that procure the diſſolution of body and ſoul, that death often happeneth when we think leaſt thereon; wherefore grant, O God, of my

life,

life, that I may have ſuch continual care, foreſight, and diligent reſpect unto the direction of my doings, cogitation and words, as I load not my poor Soul ſo much with the burthen of ſenſleſs ſecurity, ſin and iniquity, that the body being ſuddenly intangled with the ſnares of death, be carried where there is no reſt nor joy, but continual mourning and anguiſh of mind: O my moſt loving Father, lighten mine eyes that I ſleep not in ſin, nor wander in darkneſs, according to the will of the fleſh; but make me always willing to come unto thee, even with deſire; when it pleaſeth thee to call me: let not me, as it were, draw backward, when thou inviteſt me to the ſweet banquet of thy Heavenly Kingdom, as by thy Word and Goſpel preached and revealed unto us, which is an eſpecial calling of us: and when I feel my ſelf grieved or vexed with any kind of ſickneſs or diſeaſe, which is another way of thy calling of us, and an eſpecial warning that we muſt die: yea, and when I am at my daily buſineſs, or when I eat or drink, when I am in my beſt temperature and health, at all times, and in all places give me grace to think that Death ſtandeth at

my Elbows always ready to ſtrike me, and that I ſleep not in ſin and ſecurity, and the time ſuddenly come of my departure, and ſo be taken unprovided, and periſh without repentance. O Lord, ſuch is the blindneſs of our nature, that we think this World a continual being for us, covet even with greedineſs to ſee many days, where we heap ſin upon ſin, to the over burdening of our poor Souls, ſeldom or not at all thinking to die: but grant, my moſt ſweet Lord, that as I deſire to live, ſo I may have a greater deſire to live well, that I may make a happy end, abandoning the fear of death, that the cogitation thereof may dwell in peace within the manſion of my heart, and when it ſhall approach near unto me, I fly not from it, but that I may go forth with joy to meet it: conſidering that it is a means to end my woes, and to begin my joys; it is the finiſhing of ſorrow, and the entrance into bliſs, where is nothing but joys unſpeakable, and contrary here on Earth, nothing but care and woe: which moved thy ſervant *Job* to call his life a warfare, where is nothing but conflicts between the fleſh and the ſpirit, daily increaſe of ſin, and continual care of vanity.

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O God give me a careful heart to love thee; whilſt I live here give me continual fear, unfeigned zeal, perfect faith, and godly care to do good unto all Men, and earneſt deſire to come unto thee, who art the end of all trouble and labour, the beginning of bliſs, the end of death, and the beginning of life; whereunto, ſweet Lord, grant that with unfeigned deſire, I may faithfully endeavour my ſelf to come, where thy Son is gone before to direct us the way, and making all thoſe that thou findeſt with the lamp of true faith burning in their hearts, partakers of the Everlaſting joys thereof: in number of whom, O ſweet Lord, accept me here, and cleanſe me from all my ſins, that I may appear among them in the World to come, through the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all praiſe and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to Jeſus Chriſt for Heavenly Comfort.*

O Jeſus, grant I beſeech thee, I may reſt and repoſe my ſelf in thee before any Creature, before all honour, power, dignity and conſolation, over

and above all hope and promiſe; yea, and above all the hoaſt of Heaven. O when ſhall it be fully granted unto me, that I ſhall forſake my ſelf, and ſee how ſweet and pleaſant thou art O Lord my God! O Jeſus the brightneſs of Eternal Glory, the comfort of the wandring Soul, my mouth is bent towards thee without ſpeaking, and ſilently ſpeaketh unto thee. How long will my Lord my God withdraw himſelf from coming unto me? come unto me thy ſervant, comfort me, O Lord, thruſt forth thy helping hand, O God, and deliver me; for without thee there can be no reſtful day, nor quiet hour: thou art my joy, thou art my comfort, and without thee I am comfortleſs: O Jeſus, infinite in pity, infinite in power, infinite alſo both in thy rewards, and in thy revenge; I am weak, but willing with my Soul to love thee, with my fleſh to fear thee, with my mind to honour thee, with my mouth to praiſe thee, and with my whole heart to ſerve thee; but alas, I am ſo clogged with corruption, I am ſo drowned in fleſh and blood, that I ſcarce either dare or can lift up my head, and look unto thee; and yet why ſhould

I be aſhamed when thou doſt invite me? Why ſhould I be faint, when thou doſt not only encourage, but alſo enable me, or at the leaſt accept my weak endeavours? Strive then, O thou very bowels of my Soul, ſtrive with all your ſtrength to raiſe up your thoughts out of this mire of mortality, wherein they ſtick, and out of theſe waves of fleſhly affections, wherein they float; advance thy ſelf, O my Soul, towards thy Creator; frame thy affections to love him for his goodneſs, to honour him for his greatneſs, to rejoice in him for his merits, to pray unto him for his Mercies, which daily thou doſt need, and by needing doſt crave, and by craving doſt obtain, if not according to thy deſires, yet very far above thy deſerts; wherefore; bleſſed be thou, O Lord my God, which haſt done this goodneſs unto me thy Servant. What can I ſay more unto thee, O Lord, but humble my ſelf in thy ſight, and be always mindful of mine iniquity and unworthineſs; for of all the wonderful things in Heaven and Earth, there is none like unto thee O Lord. Thy works are excellent, thy judgments are upright, and by thy providence all things

are grounded; O Father of Wisdom, laud and praise be unto thee; my mouth, my Soul, and all the powers of my heart shall praise thee without ceasing. O my God, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

## *A fruitful Prayer at the end of Prayer.*

O Most righteous God, for thy great mercies sake hearken to these my Prayers which I have now made unto thee, and consider, Lord, the desires and thoughts of my heart, in thy mercy, and let mine unfeigned Prayers enter into thine Ears; hear, O Lord, for I am destitute of thy help, take care for my Soul, save me thy unworthy servant, which wholly trusteth in thee; have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon me, for I will never cease crying unto thee for thy help and mercy. In the day time will I call on thee, and in the night my cry shall not be hid from thee. O thou God of the Heavens, and maker of all Creatures, hear me a most wretched Creature, calling on thee; and take away from me all my sins, and make stedfast my faith and confidence in thee, and in thy Promises; that I putting my trust in them, may have, as thou hast promised, Everlasting Life, through the

the Merits of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all praiſe and glory, for ever and ever, World without end. *Amen.*

### *An Evening Prayer.*

O Eternal God, Omnipotent and merciful Father, I proſtrate my ſelf before thy Throne, beſeeching thee in the Name of thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt*, to blot out all my tranſgreſſions, by which I have offended thy Divine Majeſty this Day; forgive, Lord, all the ſins which from my youth I have done, and be merciful unto me; guide me with thy wiſdom; that when I walk, it may go with me, when I ſleep, it may keep me, and when I awake, I may talk thereof. O Lord be thou my Watchman and Protector this night, that troubles and vain cogitations do not invade me, neither the fear of Death overwhelm me, nor my ſleep in the Night, alter my thoughts and underſtanding when I ſhould take reſt; but grant me a good and quiet ſleep going unto my Bed, which repreſenteth my Grave, that riſing in the Morning to render due praiſe and thanks unto thee my Protector, I may likewiſe at the Day

of Judgment rise as one of thy chosen Children, upon thy right-hand into Heaven, where I may sing praises unto thy holy and blessed Name for ever.

## Prayers for Saturday Morning.

O *Lord my God and Heavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: dispose my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit,* &c.

### A Psalm.

WHom have I in Heaven but thee O Lord, and there is none upon Earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish, and thou wilt destroy them that commit fornication against thee.

But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, and to put my trust in my Lord God, and to speak of all his works.

For God is King of old, the help that is done upon Earth he doth it himself.

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Wherefore I will cry unto God with my Voice, even unto God will I cry with my Voice, and he ſhall hearken unto me:

When I am in heavineſs I will think upon God, when my heart is vexed I will complain.

I have conſidered the days of old, and the years that are paſt.

I call to remembrance my Song, and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and ſearch out my ſpirits.

Will the Lord abſent himſelf for ever, and will he be no more intreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever, and is his promiſe come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious, and will he ſhut up his loving kindneſs in diſpleaſure?

And I ſaid it is mine own infirmity, but I will remember the years of the moſt High.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind the wonders of old time.

I will think of all thy works, and my thinking ſhall be of thy doings. *Glory,*

## *A Morning Prayer.*

O Almighty Protector and Keeper both of the Souls and Bodies of the faithful, I yield thee humble and hearty thanks, for defending me, and saving me this night past, and all the rest of my life hitherto from sudden death, and from all other perils and dangers whereunto my Soul and weak body are subject to fall, and wherewith I am so beset, that had I not been preserved by thee, it could not otherwise have been, but my body had perished, and my Soul been carried into everlasting perdition: But most sweet Lord, my succour and defence, who hath continual regard of the safety of thy servants, and never sufferest them to be overcome with any kind of danger, vouchsafe to forgive me, whatsoever I have committed and done against thy Divine Majesty, either sleeping or waking this night, or at any time secretly or openly heretofore, by reason of the corruption which remaineth in me: and grant that as I have by thy protection passed this night, so I may enjoy at thy merciful hands, whatsoever thy Fatherly Providence shall think meet and convenient:

nient for me, and ſo in hope of thy loving kindneſs and mercy, go forward this day, and all my life in perfect love, unfeigned zeal, and continual obedience to thy moſt bleſſed will; that, ſo continuing unto the end, I may receive the reward of thy Cœleſtial Kingdom, which thy Son Jeſus hath Purchaſed for all true Believers in thee; in number of whom, ſweet Lord, for the Mercies of him thy Son, make me, that I with them, and they with me, may continually ſing laud and praiſe unto the Trinity eternally. *Amen.*

*A Confeſſion to God for ſin.*

MOſt gracious God, and loving Father in Jeſus Chriſt, I confeſs mine unrighteouſneſs, which maketh me unworthy to come before thee, not only in regard of mine original corruption, which I traduced from diſobedient *Adam*, but in regard of my continual ſins, and actual evils, which I daily commit againſt thee, whereby I cannot but be offenſive unto thee, and ever loathſome in thy ſacred Eyes: but alas, ſuch is mine eſtate, that being conſidered as it is in and of my ſelf, that I can bring forth no better fruits than the Tree of *Adam*'s diſobedience, whoſe roots,

roots, as they are ſin, ſo bear they ſin in me, and conſequently procure death and deſtruction: but dear Father, as by *Adam* ſin entred and took hold of himſelf, and of all his Poſterity; ſo by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt we are all juſtified by our adoption into his righteouſneſs of thy free love, if we take hold of thy Promiſes in him, and become obedient unto thee: and therefore, dear Father, howſoever our corruptions, as they are in us of our ſelves, have bewrapped us in bondage to ſin and death; ſo let thy Sons merits be unto us a ſufficient ranſome for our everlaſting liberty; not only to come freely to the Throne of Grace, but in the end to obtain the joys eternally with him in Heaven, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit for ever, World without end. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for the true Worſhip of God.*

O Moſt gracious God and loving Father, eſtabliſh my heart and mind in the true Worſhip of thy Divine Majeſty: make me to believe thy holy and ſacred Goſpel, wherein I am daily and hourly inſtructed to love, fear, honour, and obey thee: to hate ſin and iniquity, to renounce

renounce all ſuperſtitious Ceremonies, whereby thy worſhip is defaced, thy glory prophaned, and thy honour greatly diminiſhed: Give me grace to hate ſin, and to renounce the vanities and wanton pleaſures of this wicked World: and finally, give me power from above to withſtand Satan the Prince of darkneſs, and all his damnable Miniſters, who, by divers temptations provokes and allures us from godly purity, and perfect integrity, (which paſſeth only from Chriſt Jeſus to us, who is the fulneſs of our perfection and holineſs) to all kind of evil, impiety and uncleanneſs: by means whereof thy glory is greatly prophaned, and of a ſet purpoſe contemned; make me, O Lord, I beſeech thee, by the power of a fruitful faith, to reſiſt and bridle the concupiſcence of my fleſh, in ſuch ſort, that my ſoul may triumph with Victory, and continue conſtant in worſhipping thee, from whom paſſeth the fulneſs of my joy; prepare my heart and mind to ſpread forth the glory of thy Name, keep my tongue from all filthy talk, and uncomely geſture, leſt, by the exerciſes of ſuch ſin, I contemn thy worſhip, and provoke thee to diſpleaſure againſt me, ſet thou a watch before the-

the gates of my mouth, that my lips may by grace be made open to ſound forth thy praiſe and glory; be merciful to mine offences, think thou not on my unrighteouſneſs, but open thy clemency, forgive thou freely, and pardon graciouſly all my ſins, make me faithful in Chriſt Jeſus, ſhorten the dangerous days of iniquity, increaſe the number of thy choſen and peculiar Saints; haſten thy coming, O Saviour Chriſt, that I with the Fellowſhip of thy Saints, heavenly Angels, and the bleſſed Company of Martyrs, may celebrate thy praiſe, and worſhip thee in thy glorious Kingdom, before thy Father, my God, and the Holy Ghoſt; to whom be all honour, praiſe and glory, for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer taken out of the firſt Pſalm.*

O Almighty and moſt gracious God, take away from me I beſeech thee all evil counſels, and then my ſins; ſuffer me not to run into an ungodly and wicked life, and finally, keep my mind far from the contempt of godlineſs, and ſcorning of virtue, and inſtead of theſe evils, grant that I may continually be occupied in thy Law and ſacred Scriptures, and that I be not carried about like the wicked,

wicked, as light duſt, and fruitleſs chaff, with every blaſt of affection and doctrine; but rather that I be as a Tree planted by the Water brooks, and endued with the life of thy Spirit and Faith, I may alſo by the ſame Spirit bring forth the fruit of good works; and that whatſoever I take in hand it may proſper, and tend to the praiſe and glory of thy Name, and furtherance of my ſalvation; and that at the laſt, when the wicked ſhall fall away in thy judgments, I may ſtand ſtedfaſt, and be made perfect, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer to be unlooſed of the bands of Satan.*

O Lord, by thy mighty power ſubdue the works of Satan in me; O thou wicked Seducer, thy works are deſtroyed, thy bands are broken, thou ſhalt not take or bind me: avoid ſin, thou haſt loſt thy ſting, thou waſt condemned in the fleſh, nailed to the Croſs, and Crucified with my Lord Chriſt; avoid Death, for thou art dead; and Hell, for thou art ſwallowed up in Victory; avoid thou Dragon and all thine Angels, for *Michael* hath beaten thee, and broken thy head; he hath

hath freed us from ſin, and led away captivity captive ; even he, Satan, hath overmaſtered thee, that cried out unto me, Fear not, for I have overcome the World; even he that hath promiſed to be with me to the end of my Pilgrimage, and crieth out, that if he be with me, none can be againſt me ; fight therefore Satan as long as thou wilt, thou ſhalt at length be put to the foil; for the mighty Lyon of the Tribe of *Juda* telleth me, that there is no condemnation to them that be in him ; that Jeſus is the Conquerour of the whole World, and vanquiſher of thee, rage thou never ſo much, therefore I ſay, avoid from me, for in Chriſt Jeſus I have paſſed the Sea of my ſins, thy curſed Army ; and if thou follow to purſue me, thou ſhalt be drowned in the red Sea of Chriſt's blood ; to whom be all honour, power and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Prayer to obtain the Kingdom of Heaven.*

O Father, merciful and Everlaſting, be merciful unto me, and give me a feeling of thy bleſſed will; open unto me the way of true knowledge, prepare my ſteps to walk aright, that in all the courſe of my life, I may be guided aright,

aright, and ſavour more of Heavenly, than of Earthly things; and let my whole delight be to meditate righteouſneſs; let me imbrace equity, and execute juſtice, and abound in love, mercy, ſanctity and true holineſs; and furniſh me largely, good Lord, with all ſpiritual graces, whereby I may continually ſeek thy everlaſting Kingdom, and practiſe the righteouſneſs thereof for ever; illuminate my underſtanding by thy Spirit, and let thy Word be my whole comfort, and the uſe thereof my continual delight; and abandon, good Lord, all ſuperfluous care of worldly things from my thoughts, that I may by a continual holy meditation of thee, and things above, uſe the things of this life as if I uſed them not; knowing this, and aſſuring my ſelf by thy promiſe, that if I ſeek and covet to have my converſation on things ſpiritual, all temporal things ſhall be aſſured my ſelf by thy Promiſe; that if I ſeek and covet to have my converſation on things ſpiritual, all temporal things ſhall be miniſtred unto me: all which my Petitions, grant me, O Father, for thy dear Sons ſake Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Prayers*

## Prayers for Saturday Night.

O *Lord my God and heavenly Father, bleſſed be thy Name for ever: Diſpoſe my heart, open my lips, and give me thy holy Spirit*, &c.

### A Pſalm.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord, Lord hear my Voice.

O let thine Ears conſider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou Lord, wilt be extream to mark what is ſaid, or done amiſs, O Lord, who may abide it?

I look for the Lord, my Soul doth wait for him, in his Word is my truſt.

My Soul melteth away for very heavineſs, comfort thou me according to thy Word.

O take from me the way of lying, and cauſe thou me to make much of thy Law.

Make me to go in the paths of thy Commandments, for therein is my deſire.

O take not the Word of thy truth utterly out of *my* mouth, for *my* hope is in thy Judgments.

I will never forget thy Command-

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ments, for with them thou haſt quickned me.

Wherefore O ye that fear the Lord, truſt in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

For when I called upon thee, thou heardeſt me, and enduedſt my Soul with much ſtrength.

And though I walk in the midſt of trouble, yet ſhalt thou refreſh me.

The Lord ſhall make good his loving kindneſs towards me, yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever, deſpiſe not then the work of thine own hands.

Wherefore I will praiſe the Lord, for the Lord is gracious, O let us ſing praiſes unto his Name, for it is lovely.

Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever, ſo doth thy memorial, O Lord from Generation to Generation. Glory be, *&c.*

## *A moſt fruitful Prayer for a bleſſed and godly life.*

O Merciful Father, the honour of my Salvation, and *my* defender, in whom I only put *my* whole truſt; I unhappy wretch have many ways ſtirred

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thee up, I have done evil before thy face, I have provoked thy displeasure, I have sinned, and thou hast suffered me, I have offended, and yet thou sustainest me: Yea, and besides all this, while I deferr from time to time, thou tarriest for me. O Lord, the God of my health, I cannot tell what to answer, there is no place to fly from thee, or to hide me; thou shewest me the way to live well, and givest me knowledge how to go: Wherefore, O Father of mercy, and God of all consolation, strike my heart with thy fear; that with fearing I may escape those things which thou threatnest, and grant me the comfort of thy salvation, that in loving, I may obtain those things which thou promisest: O Lord, which art my strength and deliverer, tell me how I shall think of *thee*, teach *me* with what words I shall call upon *thee*, and the works wherewith I may please *thee*: O most mighty God, that art blessed for evermore; I commit into thy hands at this time, and at all other times else, *my* Soul, *my* Body, and all my thoughts, affections, words and works: my memory, my faith, my belief and continuance in the same, that thou may'st defend them with

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thy moſt mighty power, that thou maiſt keep them day and night, and every moment of time, hear me, O Holy Trinity, and keep me from all evil, from all offences, from all deceits and deſpites of the Devil, and from all mine Enemies, viſible and inviſible: give me, O Lord, perfect ſenſe and underſtanding, that I may be able to perceive thine exceeding and great mercies; teach me what I ſhall ask, and grant that thou wilt hear that which I require: give me tears from the bottom of my heart, that may unlooſe the bands of my ſins; If thou regard me not I periſh; if thou look upon me I live; if thou examine *my* righteouſneſs, I ſtink and am corrupt, being dead; but if thou look on *me* with Mercy, thou raiſeſt *me* out of my grave: ſpare my Soul, ſpare *my* ſin, viſit *me* that am weak, heal *me* that am diſeaſed, give *me* a heart to fear thee, a mind to love thee, Ears to hear thee, and Eyes that I may always ſee thee: I ask, Lord, remiſſion of all *my* ſins, have Mercy on *me*, and hear *me*, O Lord *my* Salvation: I have asked ſome things which I need, I have remembred thoſe things which I fear: wherefore vouchſafe *me* thy grace, O Lord, to live in thy true fear to

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*my* lives end, through Jesus Christ *my* Lord and Saviour: to whom be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for Faith, and ableness to Pray.*

O Most gracious God and dear Father, I thy unworthy servant, ignorant of all good things, unprofitable and unfit to serve thee, by reason of my corruption, do yield thee all humble thanks, that thou dost vouchsafe *me* access to the throne of thy mercy in Christ, where all wisdom, aid, consolation and comfort do abound, and from whom all good gifts and graces do most frankly flow unto thy Children: I here a Sinner, in regard there is in me no strength to stand, nor wisdom to walk, nor faith to frame my affections according to thy will, do heartily crave supply of the good gifts at thy hands: wherefore dear Father, grant me thy holy Spirit; which being inspired into *me* by thy divine power, may work in me such effects as are fit for the strengthning of my weak understanding, and for the increase of Faith, and renewing the inner Man, I may become a fit *member* of thy Church; good Father sanctifie

ſanctifie *me* within and without, purifie *mine* affections, and let *me* be made holy in all *my* proceedings: direct *me* to call upon thee aright, and ſhape in me a ſound courſe of life, and let faith unfeignedly be the ground of all *my* deſires, that I may be thereby renewed daily in lively hope of thy gracious deliverance, whenſoever I am touched with any calamity: Dear Father, baniſh all unbelief in *me*, and make *me* thereby faithful, that by thy divine working, I may be able to conceive aright, ſpeak aright, and walk aright: O learn *me*, and I ſhall be learned; teach *me*, and I ſhall underſtand and do thy will; then ſhall neither proſperity puff *me* up, nor calamities caſt *me* down, nor any evil make me afraid: O happy Man that is ſo far in thy favour, that obtaineth this bleſſing at thy hands! therefore I fly unto thee *my* All-ſufficient, and truly helping God and Father, be pitiful to thy perplexed children: to thee I fly and will not faint, for I believe *thy* Promiſes, Lord help *my* unbelief: thou art the cauſe and abſolute perfection of my ſoul, the preſerver of life, the everlaſting and only good that I ſeek, from whom, as from a lively ſpring floweth

whatſoever is good, either for Soul or body: make perfect therefore in *me* this good gift, O Lord increaſe it in *me* more and more daily; that I applying the ſame in humble manner, with reverent prayer to thy divine Majeſty, both for corporal and ſpiritual relief, may be continually heard, and ſo reſting herein under the ſhadow of thy ſacred wings, may be ſafe and ſecure in all *my* miſeries: good Lord I here *commend mine* eſtate unto thee in all patience, humbly beſeeching thee, that in thy good time, I may reap the fruit of a lively confidence in thee: namely, what in this life is expedient for the preſervation and maintenance thereof, and after this life, the abſolute end thereof, that is, eternal ſalvation in *Jeſus Chriſt*; to whom with the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all glory for ever. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer, to be defended againſt our Enemies.*

O Lord ſtrengthen my Faith, and arm *me* with continual hope in thee, whereby I may be able to withſtand all the cruelties of *mine* adverſaries, in ſuch ſort, that they may know it to be thy ſelf who fighteſt for *me*, and defendeſt *my* cauſe

cauſe againſt their fury : behold, O Lord, *my* truſt is in thee, thy Rod and thy Staff comfort me, and ſtay *me* up, that I fall not into their hands by truſting unto *mine* own policy or wiſdom, which is but a fooliſhneſs before thee ; nor to the help or friendſhip of Man, which is but vain : but lead thou *me*, O Lord guide *me* in all *my* doings, cogitations and words, leſt I erring from thy Commandments, incline my heart to vanity and vice ; *mine* enemies take juſt occaſion to ſay, *Ah, we ſaw it with our eyes*, and bring up an evil report of me, and that deſervedly : O Lord guide me in all truth, eſtabliſh my heart with true deſire and ableneſs to walk uprightly in all thy ways : vouchſafe to keep *me* from the dangerous deſires of fleſhly luſts, and from haunting the place ſuſpected or polluted with uncleanneſs, leſt *mine* enemies, taking juſt occaſion by *my* lewd behaviour, ſpeak that indeed which may redound to my ſhame and deſerved infamy. Finally, O Lord, keep me from all evil; and though by reaſon of *my* corruption I be naturally inclined to wantonneſs and exceſs, *thou* wilt give *me* ſobriety, lowlineſs, love, even to *mine* ene-

mies, chaſtity, wiſdom, and diſcreet underſtanding, both of their wills and *mine* own weakneſs, that ſo through *thy grace*, leading the whole courſe of *my* life in ſincerity and godly behaviour, I may magnifie thy holy Name, who ſo regardeth the proſperity of thy ſervant, that thou ſuffereſt him not to fall into the hands of all ſuch as ſhould eat him up; and let not the adverſaries of thy truth, O Lord, unjuſtly rejoyce over *me*. I am in thy hand, and they are within the compaſs of thy power, ſtay *their* fury, let them not take effect in their devices againſt *me*; I refer all things to thy heavenly providence, and wholly *commit my* ſelf into thy hands, humbly praying thee, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, to deal with *me* and *them*, according to thy mercy and loving kindneſs; and not after our deſerts: be thou merciful unto *me*, and evermore mightily defend *me*, unto *my* Lifes end, conducting *me* uprightly in all *my* ways, for the glory of thy holy Name; to whom with thy Son and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour, power and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

### *A Prayer for the opening of the Eyes of our Underſtanding.*

O Sweet Jeſus, lighten me with the brightneſs of eternal light, and drive all darkneſs, as it were, from the Manſion-houſe of my ſoul: ſuppreſs the wandring thoughts, and break in pieces theſe violent temptations: fight thou my God for my defence, and vanquiſh thoſe evil beaſts, to wit, the inticing deſires of the fleſh, that by thy power I may get peace, and ſing out thy praiſes in the holy Court of my Soul: ſend thy light and truth which may lighten the earth, for I am rude earth, good for nought, until thou enlighten me; pour out thy favour from above, and repleniſh my ſoul with thy heavenly grace: O Lord, lift up my mind, which is preſſed down through the weight of ſin, and ſtir up the ſame wholly to the deſire of heavenly and celeſtial things, that having taſted the ſweetneſs of ſupernatural happineſs, it may greatly grieve me even to think of this world; take me, O Lord, or rather pluck me from all momentany pleaſures of earthly and vain things, and join me unto thee by an indiſſoluble band of good will, for thou

alone doſt ſuffice thy friend, and without thee all things are vain, and of no price in my heart, to whom, O my Lord God, be all glory for ever. *Amen.*

### *A Godly Meditation, or Prayer.*

O Lord my God, I altogether unhappy and comfortleſs, have grievouſly offended thee; how often have I treſpaſſed againſt thee, and how often have I deſerved thy diſpleaſure, and yet how ſeldom haſt thou puniſhed me? How often haſt thou been good and merciful unto me, how often have I promiſed and vowed amendment, and how little and ſeldom have I performed it? I dare not liſt up mine eyes towards Heaven, becauſe I have ſinned againſt it, and in earth I cannot look for refuge, becauſe I have been a ſlanderer, and a ſhame unto it; What then, ſhall I deſpair? no, for God is merciful, and a good Saviour, he doth viſit them that live in darkneſs, and is a chearful light to them that ſit in the ſhadow of death; he willeth us to forgive our brother, though he offend ſeven times, yea, and infinitely, and is more merciful than any Man can be: return thee therefore unto *thy* Lord God,

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pray unto him humbly for grace, and continue thee to bewail thy ſins paſt, becauſe he that loveth thee, provoketh thee daily with his gifts to love him, and will not leave till he have made perfect his work begun, and brought his mercy to full effect in thee; What natural cauſe beginneth his work, and leaveth it in the half way imperfect? and as by natural order, and right courſe, things do proceed and increaſe by little and little, from the leſs to the more; even ſo doth God firſt diſpoſe us to his mercy, and then increaſing his goodneſs, daily beſtoweth on us, in the end, the treaſure of his grace, the inheritance of everlaſting joys; yea, very love, worketh in natural cauſes to bring forth their effects to perfection, which if it be ſo in creatures, What will the Creator do, which is love it ſelf, and infinite goodneſs! he will withdraw thee from thy ſins, and make thee clean and pure, and finally bleſs thee with eternal life. O Lord, I come unto thee, humbly waiting for thy Mercy, thou art my hope and help, according to thy great goodneſs and mercy in Jeſus Chriſt, have mercy on me now and for evermore. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for Perſeverance in Prayer.*

O Lord my God, according to thy Commandment, in mine afflictions and neceſſities I ſeek to thee for ſuccour by continual Prayer, and calling upon thy Name; therefore moſt dear Father, ſtrengthen me by thy holy ſpirit, that I may ſtill perſevere in Prayer, and with longing deſires patiently wait for thee, O Lord, being aſſured, that although it appear not as yet, thou art always preſent with me, and heardeſt my complaint, and wilt, when thou ſeeſt thy time, declare thy ſelf manifeſtly in renewing my heart with ſpiritual joy: ſtir up, O Lord, I beſeech thee, my ſluggiſh nature to call upon thee continually, appointing thee neither the time, nor the means of my deliverance; but leaving all to thy good will and pleaſure, I may in the mean time never ceaſe by continual Prayer to call for thy merciful deliverance: and when thou ſhalt mercifully take upon thee to deliver me, I may then fully with my whole heart acknowledge thy goodneſs towards me, and that it never ſlip out of my heart, but that I may continue thankful for the ſame all the days of my life, whereby thy glory

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in me may be declared, and my Soul relieved, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

## *An Evening Prayer.*

O My Lord God and merciful Father, I humbly beseech thee in Jesus Christ, that thou wilt vouchsafe to hide and bury all my sins and transgressions whatsoever, from my infancy unto this present time I have committed and done against thy divine Majesty. O Lord be thou my light in darkness, then shall my light be as clear as the day. O heavenly Father bless me, O blessed Son keep me, O Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God, deliver me this night from all sin and evil that may be hurtful to my Soul and Body, that so with confidence to thee, I may lay me down to rest, and none make me afraid, because thou art my Protector. O holy Spirit, at my last gasp be thou my light, yea, when my strength faileth, my sight departeth, mine ears wax deaf, and my mouth dumb; and when all my senses forsake me, then give me some sense of eternal Life, that I may taste in this mortal Body, the beginning of thine everlasting

comfort: and at my departure out of this World, I may behold by Faith thy Divine presence, and so sleep quietly to eternal life, through Jesus Christ thine only Son, my Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory for ever. *Amen.*

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## *Short Directions before the Receiving of Christ's Holy Sacrament, His Blessed Body and Blood.*

SAcraments should of all Men be admired and honoured; not so much respecting the service which we do unto God in receiving them, as the dignity of the sacred and secret gift we thereby receive from God. They are the visible signs of invisible graces, which indeed is the very end these heavenly Mysteries were instituted for: They are the powerful instruments of God to eternal life, for as our natural life consisteth of the union of the body and soul, so our life supernatural in the union of the Soul with God: His flesh is meat, his blood is drink, not by surmised imagination, but truly, even so truly through faith we perceive in the body and blood, Sacramentally presented, the very taste of eternal life.

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*For the worthy receiving of this Sacrament, theſe four things are very conſiderable.*

1. Preparation, or Examination.
2. Faith.
3. Repentance.
4. Thankſgiving.

1. Preparation conſiſteth in ſelf-examination, and in an act of the ſoul reflecting upon it ſelf in a general ſurvey of our ſpiritual ſtate in grace, comparing our preſent condition, which we find in our ſelves, with the word of God, by which will quickly appear what good we ſhould have done, and the evil we ſhould not have done.

S. *Paul's* admonition is, that before the receiving of this holy Sacrament, there ſhould be a ſtrict examination: *Let a man examine himſelf, and ſo let him eat and drink of this Cup*, 1 Cor. 11. *For he that drinketh unworthily, drinketh his own damnation.*

Therefore certainly great is the danger to us, if Premeditation precedes not this great undertaking. *Thus ſaith the Lord, Conſider your ways*, Hag. 1. 5. Conſider well what you go about, for this duty is no perfunctory imployment, no exerciſe by the by, but ſuch

ſuch a work as ought to be done exactly, ſeriouſly, with deep meditation and ſtudy, recollecting in privacy, and calling to queſtion all thy actions paſt, the omiſſion of good duties, and the doing of evil, ſweeping, as it were, all the corners of thy heart, and view thy ſelf in the Glaſs of God's Law, by which quickly will appear thy great and many ſins, of all kinds whatſoever; as want of love, and fear of God, abuſing his mercies and bleſſings, neglect of works of charity, piety and Juſtice, offending thy God by blaſpheming, curſing, and cuſtomary paſſion: Intemperance, by gluttony and drunkenneſs, luſt, and uncharitable deſires, hatred, malice, backbiting, and all manner of evil imaginations; theſe are they that defile thy Soul, and except we do as the Prophet commands us, *Iſa.* 1. 16. Waſh us, make us clean, put away the evil of our doings before the Lord's eyes, and ceaſe to do evil, we ſhall at the laſt be rewarded with them that had not *on* the wedding garment; Therefore laying aſide all carnal ſecurity, and ſelf-diſſimulation, *Commune with thy ſelf and be ſtill*, Pſal. 4. Search thy Soul, enquire of thy conſcience, and rip up thy boſom

boſom ſins, and confeſs them to the Lord in deep ſorrow and contrition of heart, imploring his mercy, ſtedfaſtly purpoſing by his bleſſed aſſiſtance to lead a new life: Accuſe thy ſelf, and ſay with the Prodigal in the Goſpel, Good Father I have ſinned, I am not worthy of the leaſt of thy mercies; it is thy mercy I am not conſumed! And with *Mary Magdalen*, caſt thy ſelf down at the feet of Jeſus, and waſh them with tears, in tokens of thy ſorrow, and ſigns of thy love; and be truly ſorrowful for ſo often offending ſo precious, ſo merciful a God as our God, the greatneſs of whoſe love can't be meaſured, whoſe mercy hath no bounds. Therefore, O my Soul, contemplate of the great goodneſs of our good God, which hath this day ſent ſalvation to thy ſoul, and calleth thee to this great Feaſt, to be partaker of the precious body and blood of Jeſus Chriſt, being prepared by humble repentance to receive in faith and joy thy bleſſed Redeemer, giving thanks always to God the Father, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, whoſe mercy is everlaſting, whoſe truth endureth from generation to generation.

2. Faith, which is a certain knowledge with an assured confidence kindled in our heart by the Holy Ghost, being assuredly resolved, that the free remission of all our sins, everlasting righteousness, and Life eternal, is given unto us through the mercies and goodness of Almighty God, for the alone Merits of Jesus Christ.

For, *by Grace are ye saved through Faith, and not of your selves, it is the gift of God*, Ephes. 2. 8.

*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ*, Rom. 13. 24.

*For as by one Man's disobedience all were made sinners; so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous*, Rom. 5.

3. Repentance, which is a godly sorrow for sin wrought in the heart by the supernatural grace of the Holy Ghost, turning from all our evil ways unto God, in meekness and humility of Spirit.

*Circumcise therefore the fore-skin of your hearts, and be no more stiff-necked*, Deut. 10. 16.

*Wash*

*Wash thy heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved! How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?* Jer. 4. 14.

*Return ye now every one from his evil ways, and make your doings good,* Jer. 18. 11.

*Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord,* Lam. 3. 4.

*Return again unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine own iniquities,* Hos. 14. 1.

*Draw nigh to God, cleanse your hands ye sinners, and purifie your hearts ye double-minded,* Jam. 4. 8.

4. Thanksgiving; praising God the Lord for all his benefits and mercies, especially for sending his only Son Jesus Christ to die for the remission of all our sins, and always to be mindful of the greatness of his goodness, and the unworthiness of our deserts.

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing,* Rev. 5. 12.

*I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praises unto my God, while I have a being,* Psal. 104.

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*Accept, I beſeech thee, the free-will-offering of my mouth, O Lord,* Pſal. 11

*Let us offer the ſacrifice of praiſe to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his Name.* Heb. 13. 15.

## *An humble Confeſſion before the Sacrament.*

O Moſt mighty God and merciful Father, which, according to the multitude of thy mercies, doſt put away the ſins of thoſe which truly repent, and remembreſt them no more; open, O Lord, I beſeech thee, the eyes of thy mercy upon me thy moſt unworthy ſervant, who, in heart, earneſtly deſireth pardon and forgiveneſs of all my ſins and offences! the number of which exceeds the ordinary expectation of mercy! and ſuch they are, as cannot bear any conformity with excuſe! the total ſum whereof, is the breach of all thy Commandments, both in thought, word, and deed! thy bleſſings and benefits I have abuſed, thy judgments and puniſhments not feared, the means of my own ſalvation utterly neglected, and moſt grievouſly

grievouſly by my wickedneſs have I provoked thy wrath and indignation againſt me! my life that was appointed for the ſervice of thee the living God, hath been for the moſt part ſpent in the ſervice of the Devil, in the deſires and ſinful luſts of the fleſh! my doings have been evil, my deſires and thoughts wicked, and ſo deteſtable hath the whole courſe of my life been, that my ſoul trembleth to look up to Heaven for fear of thy diſpleaſure: ſhouldeſt thou therefore, O Lord, be extream to mark what is done amiſs, and take vengeance for my ſins, I were as duſt before the face of the wind, and in juſtice might be ſwept away into the place of everlaſting torment.

But, O Lord, with thee there is mercy, that thou mighteſt be feared: thou art a God of all comfort and conſolation, a merciful, loving, and gracious Father, ready and willing to hear all penitent ſinners, that in heart are ſorrowful for their ſins! In the Name therefore of Jeſus Chriſt my bleſſed Redeemer, I humbly proſtrate my ſelf before the Throne of thy Mercy ſeat, accompanied with no other hope than ſuch as proceeds from the richneſs of thy mercy,

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that for his only ſake, thou wilt have compaſſion upon me; for in humility of ſpirit and contrition of heart, I ſubmit my ſelf to thy goodneſs, beſeeching thee not to let my ſins be a cloud between my Prayer and thy Pity, thy goodneſs and my diſtreſs; but forgive and forget all my tranſgreſſions, all my miſ-doings, let them be ſins of what condition ſoever; whether ſins of my youth, or ſins of my age, ſins of my Body, or ſins of my Soul; ſecret and open ſins, notorious and preſumptuous ſins, ſins of pride, envy, hatred, malice, *&c.* Good Lord remit them all, and of thy great goodneſs grant me perfect remiſſion and abſolution for the ſame! for with the Prophet *David*, Out of the depth of my miſery I cry unto thee for the depth of thy mercy. O Lord hear my Petitions, and conſider my tears! the contrition of my heart, and the ſorrow of my Soul! and in the merits of his blood that was ſo plentifully ſhed on the Croſs for penitent ſinners, waſh away the multitude of my tranſgreſſions, that my ſoul, by thy mercy, being cleanſed from the ſtain of ſin, I may be found a worthy partaker of this *great Myſtery.*

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And now, O Lord, that I am about to receive the bleſſed Sacrament of the body and blood of Jeſus Chriſt; How ſhall I, that am ſo great a ſinner, duſt and aſhes, dare to preſume to approach thy Table? *The Heavens in thy ſight being not clear, and the pillars of the Earth ſhake at thy preſence.* What then ſhall become of me miſerable that I am! Yea, Lord, thou haſt provided a ſpecial means, and in thy Goſpel left us a Command, *Come unto me all ye*, &c. Which command I obey, and in confident aſſurance of thy promiſe in Chriſt Jeſus, I truſt thou wilt have mercy upon me, in the eaſing and refreſhing of my ſoul that is wearied with the burthen of my intolerable ſins! Waſh me throughly from my wickedneſs, and cleanſe me from my ſin, and renew a right ſpirit within me: And of thy gracious goodneſs direct me in this great action, with a reverend and awful fear of thy Majeſty, that all the faculties of my ſoul and body may be intent rightly to apprehend, and joyfully to receive this eternal food, this bread of life, this heavenly and wonderful myſtery! and that by thy grace I may obtain the vertue, fruit, and benefits of the death and paſſion of my Saviour;

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and by the ſame, the remiſſion of all my ſins, and everlaſting ſalvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer before the receiving of the Communion.*

O Moſt holy and heavenly God and Father, which by the immortal ſeed of thy Word haſt begotten us to be thy children, and with the ſame ( as with Milk ) doſt nouriſh us purely as new born babes, as alſo with the Divine Myſteries of thy holy Sacraments ( as by a viſible word ) doſt confirm and ſtrengthen us in faith and righteouſneſs; and having ſo adopted us into thy Family, continually feedeſt and nouriſheſt us unto eternal life: we humbly beſeech thee ſo to prepare our ſouls to the due receiving thereof worthily, that we may thereby effectually feel, taſte, and feed on thy Son *Jeſus Chriſt* ( the true Manna and Bread that came down from Heaven ) that we may by him have eternal life: pardon ( O Lord ) pardon our unpreparedneſs in coming to the participation of ſo holy and divine Myſteries; Make thy Word and Sacraments always ſo powerful and effectual

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in our ears and hearts, that we may thereby be ſanctified and renewed unto all holy obedience unto thy will in the mortification of our ſinful corruptions, and renewing of thy perfect Image in us ( unto holineſs, righteouſneſs, ſobriety, truth, knowledge, faith, and temperance ) through his moſt powerful and glorious Reſurrection. Stabliſh our Conſcience in the aſſurance of our ſalvation, by the remiſſion of our ſins in the blood of thy Son, which was ſhed for us on the Altar of the Croſs ( as a Sacrifice of Expiation, to cleanſe away all ſin) O Lord, ſeal and confirm this Covenant of Grace in our hearts by theſe holy Sacraments ( pledges of thy grace and love towards us ) that at no time we may ſtagger at thy Promiſes, nor fall away from hope and confidence in thee; but being hereby incorporated into one Body, we may partake of one Spirit, and grow in love one towards another (as members of the ſame myſtical Body) that we may forgive one another, as thou haſt forgiven us. O Lord, make us ever thankful for thy manifold and great mercies, in providing unto us ſuch means and helps of our ſalvation; and grant that we may not put any confidence

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in external actions and exercises thereof, (in any hope to be justified thereby) but that we may thereby exalt our minds to heavenly and spiritual contemplations, and by faith be firmly united to thee our head in Heaven, to be made one with thee, and thou with us; and howsoever heretofore we have transgressed and defiled ourselves, as well with our natural impurities, as actual impieties, henceforth (being now wash'd and purified in the blood of the Lamb which was sacrificed for us) we may have our conversation in Heaven; and being new creatures in *Christ*, may have new thoughts, desires, and delights, (far from the lusts of our former ignorance) and may live ever unto him and with him, who sitteth at thy right hand, our Redeemer and Advocate, and shall return to be our Judge, to justifie and acquit us before thee; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all praise, &c.

## A Psalm.

1. AS the Hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2. O let thy merciful kindness be my com-

comfort, according to thy Word unto thy Servant.

3. Help me, O God of my ſalvation, for the glory of thy Name; O deliver me, and be merciful unto my ſin, for thy Name's ſake.

4. O remember not my old ſins! but have mercy upon me, and that ſoon, for I am come to great miſery.

5. Conſider and hear me, O Lord my God, for my truſt is in thy mercy.

6. Turn thy face from my ſins, and put out all my miſ-deeds.

7. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodneſs: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away my offences.

8. Waſh me throughly from my wickedneſs, and cleanſe me from my ſin.

9. For I acknowledge my faults, and my ſin is ever before me.

10. Behold, I was ſhapen in wickedneſs, and in ſin hath my mother conceived me.

11. Thou ſhalt purge me with Hyſſop, and I ſhall be clean: thou ſhalt waſh me, and I ſhall be whiter than ſnow.

12. Make me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right ſpirit within me.

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13. O remember not the ſins and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy, think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodneſs.

14. For thy Names ſake, O Lord, be merciful unto my ſin, for it is great.

15. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am deſtitute and in miſery.

16. Remember not, O Lord, mine iniquities, nor the iniquities of my fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of my ſins, but ſpare me, good Lord, whom thou haſt redeemed with thy precious blood, and be not angry with me for ever.

17. Bleſſed is he whoſe unrighteouſneſs is forgiven, and whoſe ſin is covered.

18. Bleſſed is the Man, unto whom the Lord imputeth no ſin, and in whoſe ſpirit there is no guile.

19. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will ſave ſuch as be of an humble Spirit.

20. O taſte and ſee how gracious the Lord is: bleſſed is the Man that putteth his truſt in him.

21. O Lord thou haſt dealt graciouſly with thy ſervant according to thy word. *Glory be to*, &c.

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O Moſt gracious Lord God, I beſeech thee help thy ſervant whom, of thy mercy thou haſt created, repair the ruins of my ſoul, inlarge the frame of my underſtanding thereof, cleanſe it from all filthy corruption, and garniſh it with all heavenly graces, that it may be both conveniently fit, and furniſhed to receive thee, that thou mayſt make thy entry, and poſſeſs that which is thy own, both by creation and redemption, and merits of thy paſſion, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

## *Before the Receiving.*

### Ex Liturg.

GRant O moſt merciful Father I beſeech thee, that I receiving theſe thy Creatures of Bread and Wine, according to the holy inſtitution of our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, in remembrance of his death and paſſion, may be partaker of his bleſſed body and blood, and that my ſinful body may be made clean by his Body, and my ſinful Soul waſht through his moſt precious Blood

which was ſhed for the remiſſion of all my ſins, through the ſame Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

*Immediately before the Receiving.*

*Matth.* 8. 8.

Lord, I am not worthy thou ſhouldeſt come under my roof: but ſpeak the word only, and my ſoul ſhall be healed.

II.

O Lamb of God, let me eat thy Fleſh, and drink thy Blood, that I may live ever-laſtingly by thee: and cloath me with the wool of thy Mercy, that no winter or ſtorm of ſin do pinch my ſilly ſoul.

III.

O bleſſed Jeſus, let the Blood that ran from thy bleſſed Heart, waſh my ſoul from all ſin and iniquity, and purchaſe me thy heavenly grace and benediction. *Amen.*

*Immediately after Receiving.*

PRaiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me: praiſe his holy Name, and forget not all his benefits; which ſaveth thy life from deſtruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindneſs, *Pſal.* 103.

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I will give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever, *Pſal.* 106.

*Alleluiah*, Salvation, and Glory, and Honour, and Power, be unto the Lord our God, *Amen. Revel.* 19. 1.

## *Thankſgiving after the Receiving of the Bleſſed Sacrament.*

*Ex Liturg.*

O Almighty and everlaſting Lord God; I thy moſt humble ſervant, according to my bounden duty and ſervice, do render unto thy Fatherly goodneſs, all poſſible praiſe and thankſgiving, for that thou haſt vouchſafed to feed me with the holy myſtery, and ſpiritual food of the precious Body and Blood of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son and my Saviour; aſſuring me thereby of thy grace and favour towards me; and that I am a member incorporate in thy myſtical body, the Bleſſed Company of faithful people; and alſo heir through hope of thy everlaſting Kingdom, by the merits of his moſt precious death and paſſion: and grant me, O Lord, for the time to come the aſſiſtance of thy grace and

heavenly benediction, that I may continue in all such good works as thou hast prepared for me to walk in; to the glory of thy Name, and my everlasting comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord: to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

## A Psalm.

1. PRaise the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name, which saveth thy life from destruction, and feedeth thee with the Bread of Heaven.

2. I will always give thanks unto the Lord, his praises shall ever be in my mouth.

3. Thy merciful kindness is evermore towards us: and thy truth, O Lord, is everlasting.

4. Great is the Lord, and marvellous to be praised, there is no end of his greatness.

5. He loveth Righteousness and Judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6. Be glad, O ye Righteous, and rejoyce in the Lord, and be joyfull all ye that are true of heart.

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7. I will give thanks unto thee with my whole heart; I will ſpeak of thy marvellous works.

8. O praiſe the Lord with me, and let us magnifie his holy name.

9 Let my heart be filled with gladneſs, and my mouth with praiſe, that I may ſing of thy glory, and with the reſt of thy Saints, give honour to thy Majeſty in the eternal fruition of thy preſence through Chriſt.

10. My mouth ſhall ſpeak of the praiſe of the Lord; and let all fleſh give thanks unto his holy name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Verſ.* Praiſe the Lord.

*Reſp.* The Lord's name be praiſed.

O Almighty and eternal God; what worthy praiſe can I give unto thee, by whoſe goodneſs I was created, by whoſe mercy I was redeemed, by whoſe power I am preſerved, and by whoſe grace I hope to be glorified; and for all other thy bleſſings and benefits which I enjoy both in ſoul and body; and eſpecially, for feeding me this day with the precious body and blood of Jeſus Chriſt. I will therefore offer unto thee the ſacrifice of praiſe and thankſgi-

ving, and always praiſe thy holy Name, beſeeching thee to pour upon my heart the ſweet ſtreams of thy mercy; conform my life, confirm my faith, and guide me by thy grace, that thy ſervant may with ſtrong aſſurance of thine infallible truth and promiſed mercy, vanquiſh and ſubdue whatſoever rebelleth againſt thy bleſſed will; keep holy my ſoul and body, and let them not be defiled through delectation of ſin; but that my full delight and joy may be in thee, and walk before thee in ſincerity of heart and godly converſation, that I may here on earth glorifie thy Name, and after this life with all thy faithful flock poſſeſs that everlaſting inheritance, which thy Son Chriſt Jeſus hath purchaſed, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

John 5. 14.

*Behold thou art made whole, ſin no more, leſt a worſe thing come unto thee.*

John 1. 17.

*If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowſhip one with another, and the blood of Jeſus Chriſt his Son cleanſeth us from all ſin.*

Ephes. 5. 1, 2.

*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear Children, and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.*

Ephes. 5.

*Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord. See then ye walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

Jude 25.

*To the only wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever.* Amen.

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## *Prayers for the Sick.*

REmember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our Fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins, but spare us good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*Spare us good Lord.*

O Lord I beseech thee favourably to hear the Prayers of thy servant, that I which am rightly punished for my of-

fences, may by thy goodneſs be mercifully delivered for the glory of thy Name: through Jeſus Chriſt, who liveth and reigneth world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty and everlaſting God, in whoſe hand conſiſts the life of all Mankind, which correcteſt thoſe whom thou receiveſt; mercifully I beſeech thee to hear my complaint, and deſpiſe not the prayer that I make now in the time of my trouble, in the vexation of my ſpirit, and the anguiſh of my ſoul. I remember thee, and cry unto thee for mercy; O thou that haſt created, and made me of nothing; and redeemed me from the bondage of ſin, death, and everlaſting deſtruction, by the moſt precious blood of Jeſus Chriſt, ſhed upon the Croſs for the ranſom of all my ſins, Have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upon me, bow down thine ear unto my cry, and caſt me not away in thine anger, though for my wickedneſs I have deſerved thy wrath and heavy diſpleaſure againſt me: And now for my tranſgreſſions, in thy indignation thou haſt ſtricken me with grievous ſickneſs, and I

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begin to fall as leaves beaten with a vehement wind, yet are thy punishments less than my deservings. But of thy mercy and goodness, O Lord, correct me not to death but to amendment of life; for thine own sake, for thy holy Names sake, for Christ Jesus sake be merciful unto my sin, for it is very great, and there is no rest in my bones, by reason of my transgression: Spare thy Servant, O God, which confesseth his sins; pour thy sanctifying Grace into my heart, and work thereby true and immediate repentance, and restore me again to thy favour, according to thy gracious promise in Jesus Christ: Let thy merciful providence so govern all this sickness, that I never fall into utter darkness, ignorance of thee, or inconsideration of my self; let the faintness of my spirit, and the condemnation of my self, be overcome with thy irresistable light, thou God of all consolation; grant that I may be mindful of the great account that I have to make at the day of Judgment, and that I may bear in mind the image of that which is to be faithful, the end of misery, and the beginning of all happiness; but to the secure and careless, the beginning of eternal pain. Strengthen my faith, accept

my repentant teares, ſpeak peace to my Soul and Conſcience, and ſay, thou art my ſalvation, *My grace is ſufficient for thee*; then ſhall my heart rejoyce, and my ſoul ſhall be right glad, deſiring to be diſſolved, and be at peace, that after this my bodily death, I may enjoy the eternal fruition of thy heavenly preſence: Let me not, O Father, in this my triall, be ſtricken with feat of condemnation, or diſtruſt thy promiſes, but in ſure confidence of heart, apply to my ſelf the remiſſion of my ſins, that at the laſt gaſp, by Faith in Jeſus Chriſt, I may have a taſte of eternal Salvation: let not Death (if thou pleaſe to ſend it) be terrible or bitter unto me; but when it cometh, I may with joy receive the ſame, and having eſcaped the hardneſs of temptation, and the peril of Satan, I may triumph like a Conqueror, and behold the power and preſence of thy holy ſpirit: let my laſt words be thoſe which thy Son did utter upon the Croſs, ſaying; *Father, into thy hands I commend my ſpirit*: and when my Speech is taken from me, hear the groanings of my heart, and the deſire of my Soul, that thy ſervant may depart in peace, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to

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whom be all Praise, Power, Might, Majesty and Dominion, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Sick saith, *Job* 14. 1.

*MAn that is born of a Woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery; he cometh up and is cut down like a flower; He fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one state. In midst of life we are dying; of whom shall we seek for succour and comfort but of thee O Lord God our Maker?*

## A Psalm.

1. IN thee, O Lord, have I trusted, let me never be confounded; but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness, incline thine ear to me and save me.

2. O Lord rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

3. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies sake, for in death no Man remembreth thee, and who shall give thee thanks in the pit?

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5. Consider and hear me, O Lord my God, lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death, shew me thy marvellous loving kindness, thou art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

6. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation! look upon my affliction and pain, and forgive all my sins.

7. O remember not my old sins, but have mercy upon me, and that soon, for I am come to great misery.

8. Preserve thou my Soul therefore, O my God, and save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

9. O comfort the soul of thy servant, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

10. O turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the Son of thy handmaid.

11. Shew some good token upon me for good, that they which hate me, may see it, and be ashamed, because thou Lord hast holpen me, and comforted me.

12. O satisfie me with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall I rejoyce and be glad all the days of my life.

13. I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly,

greatly, I go mourning all the day long: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joynt; my heart is like wax, it melteth in the midst of my bowels.

14. Help me, O God of my Salvation, for the glory of thy Name; O deliver me, and be merciful unto my sin, for thy Names sake.

15. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

16. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

17. O tarry the Lord's leisure, be strong, and he shall comfort thy heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

18. O put thy trust in God, for I will give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God: *Glory be to the Father*, &c.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father, who art the health of all men living, and the everlasting life of them which die in faith; open I beseech thee the eyes of thy mercy upon me thy sick servant, who in heart is truly sorrowful for all my sins; and of thy fatherly

tharly goodneſs, according to the multitude of thy mercies, put away all my tranſgreſſions out of thy remembrance: renew in me what have been decayed by the fraud or malice of the Devil, or by mine own frailty; preſerve me in the unity of the Church; conſider my contrition, accept my tears, and aſſwage my pain, and if it be thy bleſſed will, reſtore me to my former health; or if otherwiſe thou haſt appointed, give me grace ſo to take this viſitation, that after this painful life ended, I may dwell with thee in life everlaſting. *Amen.*

Lord Jeſus preſerve me, Lord Jeſus comfort me, Lord Jeſus pray for me; for only into thy hands, who haſt redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth, I commend my Soul both now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Sick ſaith,*

Lord have Mercy upon me.
Chriſt have Mercy upon me.

*Our Father which art in Heaven,* &c.

*I heard a voice from Heaven, ſaying unto me, Write, from henceforth, Bleſſed are the Dead which die in the Lord.*

A Pſalm.

## A Psalm.

1. O Lord rebuke me not in thy indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3. My Soul is also sore troubled: but Lord, how long wilt thou punish me!

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercies sake.

5. For in death no man remembreth thee: and who shall give thee thanks in the pit?

6. I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed, and water my Couch with my tears.

7. My beauty is gone for very trouble, and worn away because of all my enemies.

8. Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mothers Womb, my praise shall be always of thee.

9. Cast me not away in the time of Age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

10. O hide not thy face from me, nor cast

caſt away thy ſervant in diſpleaſure.

11. Thou haſt been my ſuccour, leave me not, O God of my ſalvation.

12. I am poor and needy, make haſt unto me, O God, thou art my help and my deliverer, O Lord, make no long tarrying, O Lord deliver me from the power of the Enemy.

Lord help thy poor ſervant that putteth his truſt in thee.

Send me help from thy holy place, and evermore mightily defend me: be unto me a ſtrong Tower, O Lord, and evermore cover me with thy wings.

O Lord hear my Prayer,
And let my cry come unto thee.

The Sick ſaith,

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that I ſhall riſe out of the Earth in the laſt day, and ſhall be covered again with my skin, and ſhall ſee God in my fleſh; yea, and I my ſelf ſhall behold him, not with other, but with the ſame eyes.*

O Almighty and immortal God, the Saviour and defender of all that put their truſt in thee; the only refuge and

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hope of the diſtreſſed in time of need, mercifully behold the ſorrows of my heart, and the groanings of my ſpirit: thou haſt, O Lord, of thy power made me of nought, and in thy good time I ſhall return to nought again. I brough nothing into the World, neither ſhall I carry any thing away when I depart: thou art my portion, my ſalvation, my Mediator, and my Saviour. O bleſſed Jeſus, by thee came grace and life to the choſen, O receive me to thy mercy; thou ſufferedſt moſt cruel death for my ſake, and art riſen the firſt-fruits of them that ſleep; thou art crowned with power and glory, deſtroyedſt death, and giveſt eternal life to all believers: thou, O Saviour Chriſt, ſhalt raiſe me up in the laſt day, and give me poſſeſſion of thy everlaſting Kingdom; which thou haſt purchaſed in thy blood and righteouſneſs, according to the will of our merciful Father, whom thou haſt pacified and pleaſed, for my redemption and ſalvation; for the performance of the oath which in his eternal and unſearchable purpoſe he promiſed our Fore-fathers, whereof in thy merciful favour thou haſt called me to be partaker, whereby I am taught and comforted by thy holy Spirit,

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to despise this world, and this corrupt tabernacle of sinful flesh, which of it self hath deserved nothing but death and damnation, and wholly to rely upon thee. Therefore, O Lord, stand by me, and defend me against the assaults of Satan, that after triumphant victory, through grace and power in thy Spirit, I may joyfully give over this fleshly being, and come into thy presence, O Lord, to rest in blissful peace, until the delivery of thy Saints, with whom I am in assured hope, by the witness of thy Spirit, to have my portion of the inheritance of perpetual salvation, and life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O my soul be joyful in the Lord and despise not his correction, neither faint thou at his rebukes.

For whom the Lord loveth, him he correcteth: yea, he scourgeth every child whom he receiveth.

Thy sins were innumerable, neither couldest thou claim ought of duty, but death and damnation.

Thy merciful Lord hath accepted thy tears, and repentant groanings, and turned away his face from thy offences, he freely hath forgiven thee thy sins.

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And because thou hast repented, and trusted in his mercy, he hath put them all out of his remembrance, neither will he think on them any more.

He will receive thee into his house, and crown thee with glory and kindness.

Thou shalt stand before his presence in the Sanctuary everlasting.

With Angels and Arch angels, with the Patriarchs and Prophets, with the faithful Witnesses, and with all the rest of the chosen children of grace, to honour him; to serve him, to magnifie him, and praise him, with continual thanks in eternal joy and felicity, for ever and ever, *Amen.*

## A Psalm.

1. O God my God look upon me, why hast thou forsaken me, and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

3. O God I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; and in the night-season also I take no rest.

4. And thou continuest holy, O thou Worship of Israel.

5. Call

5. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy, and thy loving kindneſs, which have been ever of old.

6. Shew thy ſervant the light of thy countenance: and ſave me for thy mercy ſake.

7. Thou haſt been my ſuccor, leave me not, neither forſake me, O God of my Salvation.

8. My time is in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies.

9. O keep my ſoul and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my truſt in thee.

10. O my ſoul, thou haſt ſaid unto the Lord thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

11. The Lord himſelf is the portion of mine inheritance, I have ſet God always before me, for he is on the right-hand, therefore I ſhall not fall.

12. Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoyced: my fleſh alſo ſhall reſt in hope.

13. For why, thou wilt not leave my ſoul in hell, neither ſhalt thou ſuffer me to ſee corruption.

14. Thou ſhalt ſhew me the path of life; in thy preſence is the fulneſs of joy, and

and at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

*Glory be to the Father*, &c.

*As it was in the beginning*, &c.

O spare me a little, and suffer me to recover my strength, O Lord, before I go from hence, and be no more seen.

Now, O my soul, look upon Christ Jesus the righteous, thy Advocate and Redeemer, who is ready to receive thee; therefore be glad in him, and give thanks, rejoycing in the visitation of the Lord, by which he hath prepared thee for the heavenly Jerusalem, and everlasting bliss! I acknowledge, O Lord, I have deserved to die, and the desire I have to live, is for the amendment of my life, and in some better measure to set forth thy glory; therefore good Father, if it be thy pleasure, restore me to health again; and grant me long life. But if thou hast in thy eternal decree appointed this sickness to be a preparation to my immediate dissolution, and by it to call me out of this transitory life; I resign, commit, and willingly commend my spirit into thy hands and holy pleasure; beseeching thee to bless me from the second death, the everlasting destruction both of body and soul. Let my soul

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throughly consider of the account I have to make to thee my God, and how few minutes soever it hath to remain in my body, let the power of thy Spirit recompence the shortness of time, and perfect my account before I pass away. Be pleased, O Lord, in the reconciliation of thy Son for my sins. Let the infiniteness of my offences rely upon the infiniteness of thy mercy by his sufferings: breath inward comfort to my heart, and confidence in thy gracious promises; that though my body be going the way of all flesh, yet my Soul may go the way of all Saints. Lord hear me and help me, stand by me and save me, and if it be thy determination to lay my body in the grave, to receive my Soul into thy Kingdom, to rest in joy and peace for evermore, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*To his Soul saith,*

O My Soul, thou which art endued with the Image of God, redeemed with the blood of Jesus Christ, enlightened by the Holy Ghost, adorned with vertue, and accounted with Angels;

Love thou him who loveth thee, trust in him who careth for thee, seek thou him who seeketh thee.

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My ſoul, O Lord, heartily deſireth to attain to that ſupernatural City, whereof ſuch things are ſpoken: My heart longeth, my ſoul thirſteth till I enter into my Maſters Joy.

To which everlaſting joy, O Lord, receive my Soul, where all thy Saints rejoyce in eternal joy and thankſgiving, ſinging praiſes and Alleluiah's to thee the Lord our God.

*Eye hath not ſeen, nor ear hath heard, neither entered into the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for thoſe that love him.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

## *Directions for the SICK.*

MAN, for the violation of that great Command which God his Creator gave him in the beginning, hath expoſed him and his poſterity to a certain and dire doom, in theſe words: *Thou ſhalt die the death. For the wages of ſin is death, the gift of God is eternal life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord*, Rom. 6.

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Variable, and therefore miſerable is the condition of Man: this hour, this minute in health, in the next by a ſudden change and alteration at the point of death: In the morning flouriſhing like a Palm, like a green Bay-tree, in the evening cut down, dryed up and withered; for we conſume away in thy diſpleaſure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation, Pſal. 90. *All fleſh is graſs, and the glory thereof as the flower of the field*, Pſal. 40. *The glory of Man is as the flower of the field, which witherеth and falleth away*, 2 Pet. 2. 4. He conſidereth we are but fleſh, and as the wind that paſſeth away, *Pſal.* 78. Our life is but of a ſhort continuance, and full of trouble; Man cometh up like a flower, vaniſheth like a ſhadow, falls ſick and dyeth, ſleepeth; and riſeth not until the heavens be no more, *Job* 14. As ſoon as thou ſcatterеſt us, we are even as aſleep, and fade away ſuddenly, and in thy anger all our days are gone, and ended as a tale that is told: And what Man living ſhall not ſee Death? Duſt thou art, and to duſt thou ſhalt return, *Gen.* 3. 19. Thy body ſhall return to earth, the center of the body; and thy ſoul to Heaven, to God

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which gave it, to everlasting glory, who at the last day, the day of the Resurrection, will re-collect, re-unite thy Body, tho. turned to Atoms, to thy Soul, at the voice of the Angels Trumpet, Arise ye dead and come to Judgment; the righteous to receive everlasting happiness, and the wicked eternal torment.

Wonderful and great hath the love of God been unto mankind, in our Creation, Redemption, Preservation, and giving us assured hopes of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord: for being fallen from blessedness, by the sins of our first Parents, into the snares of Satan, and thereby become his bondslaves and servants, overcome by sin, *Job* 8. and being servants of sin, we are freed from Righteousness, *Rom.* 6. God so loved us, that he sent his only Son to be a reconciliation for our sin, *Joh.* 4. 10. Rich is his mercy, whereby he loved us, *Eph* 1. Christ suffered for our sin, to bring us unto God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickned in the spirit, 1 *Pet.* 3. He sent redemption to his People, Holy and Reverend is his Name, *Psal.* 111. He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, *Tit.* 2. Therefore blessed be

the Lord God of *Iſrael*, for he raiſed up a mighty Salvation for us in the Houſe of his ſervant *David*, *Luke* 1. 68.

Our life here on Earth is a warfare, full of trouble, miſery, and vexation of ſpirit, a daily tempeſt, and continual ſtrugling between the mind and the fleſh; the Law of God, and the Law of ſin; and ſo numerous are the calamities and troubles of our days, that were it not for the hope of Heaven, it would be little better than Hell it ſelf, croſſes and afflictions, troubles and moleſtations unavoidably ruſh in upon us, as faſt as *Job*'s Meſſengers, hourly and daily; for Men, as they are all the Sons of their Mothers, are ſubject to all miſery, born to live few days, in many dangers: whoſe glory may well be compared to the ſhadow in the Sun, which in the morning of our greatneſs, is in a goodly luſter; at noon at the full, beſide us; at night in the wain, quite behind us. There is nothing in this Vale of Miſery permanent or certain; proſperity and adverſity not long aſunder: Health and ſickneſs often at variance; no joy, no happineſs, no felicity, no tranquility for continuance can be expected here in this World. The only eaſe and conſolation to our diſtreſ-



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ſes; the bleſſedneſs of content, and reſt to our wearisome Souls, is to be looked for in the World to come: What honour, glory, pleaſure of earthly delight ſoever, but is ſubject to inſtability, poſſible and uncertain? which made the Wiſe-man upon his experience, cry out, *Vanity of Vanity, all is Vanity.* And the ſingular motive to a man in any affliction for the ſufferance of ſorrow, need, ſickneſs, or any adverſity whatſoever, is, that by the ſweet united bleſſings, patience and content, at the laſt by paying an inexcuſable debt to Death, which, whoſo liveth, of what ſtate or condition ſoever, cannot but think he muſt die, will bring us to that eternal reſt to the bleſſed enjoyment of everlaſting felicity, to dwell in glory for evermore: For bleſſed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, ſaith the Spirit; that they may reſt from their labours, and their works do follow them, *Rev.* 14. 13.

Death is a ſleep, a departed breath from dead earth, enlivened at firſt by breath caſt upon it; to die is to be no more unhappy, it is true, to thoſe over-ſwayed by nature, death is accounted a miſery, but to men refined by the light of Judgment, it is e-

steemed the only remedy against misery; as it is the wages of sin, it is due to us; and as it is the end of all grief and sickness, it belongs unto us. It delivers us from all cares and troubles, and bringeth us to all joys unspeakable; by it we shall receive fulness of grace, perfect and accomplished regeneration and perfect glory, which while we are on earth, we have but in part: here we see darkly, as in a glass, then shall we see face to face: the heavens you behold, shall be superinvested with new endowments, made everlasting habitations for the Saints prepared; by death we pass to immortality, nor can we attain eternal life, but by leaving this life; yet corporal death is no period of life, but a passage to eternity; though our body sleep a while in dust, it shall rise again after thy likeness: As for me, saith the Prophet *David*, I will behold thy face in righteousness, and shall be satisfied when I awake. Holy *Job* saith, Though all my flesh be consumed to bones, yet thy Spirit blowing upon dead bones, can revive them, and couple them again with sinews, and cloath them with flesh The dead men shall live together, with my dead body shall they arise, awake and sing ye that

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dwell in the duſt, for thy dew is as the dew of Herbs, and the earth ſhall call out the dead, *Iſa.* 26. 19. For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and though after my ſkin worms deſtroy this body, yet in my fleſh ſhall I ſee God; if the earthly houſe of this Tabernacle be diſſolved, we have a building of God, an Houſe not made with hands, eternal in Heaven, 1 *Cor.* 5. Chriſt is riſen from the dead, and made the firſt-fruits of them that ſlept, 1 *Cor.* 15. Tho in *Adam* we all die, yet in Chriſt ſhall all be made alive. That body that was ſown a natural body, ſhall riſe a ſpiritual body, 1 *Cor.* 15. Therefore let us be comforted, and not fear the pains of death, the approach of which ſuddenly makes a man to know himſelf; he tells the proud and inſolent they are but duſt, and in an inſtant makes them to repent and hate their fore-paſt happineſs; he takes an account of the rich, and proves him a beggar, having intereſt in nothing but in the earth that fills his mouth; ſhews the beautiful their deformity, and they hate it; he draws together the far ſtretch'd greatneſs, all the Pride, Cruelty, Vain-glory, and ambition of Man, and covers it all over with duſt in the narrow limits of a grave;

And though for ſome years the body lies mouldred in the grave, it ſhall at the laſt be raiſed in honour and glory; purified, perfected, and immortalized from a dungeon of miſery, to a place of all felicity; to our own Country, into Paradiſe, where we ſhall meet with *Abraham*, *Iſaac*, and *Jacob*, the Patriarchs and Prophets, Saints and Angels, our Friends and Kindred gone before us, which we ſhall ſee and behold in Mount Sion, the City of the everliving God, in the company of innumerable Angels, praiſing and magnifying the Lord of Heaven, in white Robes, and Palms in their hands, following the Lamb whereſoever he goeth.

I will wait till my change cometh, then ſhalt thou call me, and then ſhall I anſwer thee, O Lord, I come and appear before thee, *Job* 14. 14.

As the hart panteth for the water-brooks ſo longeth my ſoul for thee, O Lord, *Pſ* 42. 1.

And for as much as all mortal men are ſubject to many ſudden perils, diſeaſes and ſickneſſes, and ever uncertain what time we ſhall depart out of this life, there ſhould no day paſs without conſideration for our laſt end; which meditation is very requiſite, both for them that are in perfect health,

and thoſe that feel the hand of God by ſickneſs: that death will come is certain, but when, how, or where, is very uncertain. It is appointed for all men once to die, *Heb.* 9. 27. but the day when, God hath not revealed, becauſe we ſhould be ready every day; it comes as ſoon to the young man, that glorieth in his ſtrength, as to ſome in a good old age; to the rich fool in a night, as to the poor in the anguiſh of his Soul; to ſome violently, to others untimely by accident; to ſome by ſudden and unexpected death without warning; to all, ſome one way or other. And being Almighty God hath pleaſed to lay this ſickneſs upon you, and therein time to repent, aſſure your ſelf it is his viſitation ſent to you to try your faith and patience, or elſe to correct and amend what is amiſs in you, or whatſoever hath offended your heavenly Father; for every child whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, to prepare for a better world; affliction ſeals us up to adoption; by it he exerciſes his Children, and the graces he beſtows upon them: it is a ſpecial means to further our contrition and repentance: In affliction, ſaith the Lord, they will hear me. *David's* troubles

made him pray; *Hezekiah*'s ſickneſs made him weep; and miſery drew the Prodigal child home: We have the Prophets examples and patterns of bearing afflictions patiently; which though the puniſhment and ſhame is of ſin, God turns to be the ſubject of his honour and glory, in ſaving a ſinner that calls upon him in faith and true repentance, to Heaven. His chaſtiſements are ſigns of his Fatherly love; which tho for the preſent it ſeem grievous unto us, afterward it bringeth quiet fruit of righteouſneſs, to thoſe whom the Lord giveth grace to make a ſanctified uſe of it, for which he hath inflicted this ſickneſs on you. And know you certainly, tho your ſins are many and grievous which you have committed, by the temptation of the Devil; yet upon your true repentance, God hath promiſed to forgive; the benefits of which, are the eſcaping of eternal death, God's everlaſting puniſhments, and the attaining eternal ſalvation: where ſin abounds, there grace much more abounds. God calls all thoſe that are heavy laden, to refreſh and eaſe them of all their trouble, the Lord forſaketh no man, till man forſaketh him. Look not ſo much upon the greatneſs of thy ſins, as to the

riches of his mercy, and let thy ſoul be comforted in the All-ſufficient atonement of the blood of Jeſus Chriſt. Let the wicked (ſaith the Lord) forſake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto me, and I will have mercy upon him, and I will pardon him abundantly. Let not your conſcience be terrified at the remembrance of your tranſgreſſions, for there is no ſin bars a man from ſalvation, but incredulity and impenitency. Therefore lift up your hearts unto the Lord, call unto him for mercy, repent earneſtly of your ſins, and have a lively confidence in Chriſt's merits, and doubt not but upon your humble contrition and ſorrow for ſin, with ſighs and tears (the blood of a wounded ſoul) God will receive your ſoul into everlaſting happineſs, to live in eternal glory, which he of his infinite mercy grant through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Sick ſaith;*

O God the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon me miſerable ſinner.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon me miſerable ſinner.

O God the Holy Ghoſt, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon me miſerable ſinner, *&c.*

By thine Agony and bloody ſweat, By thy Croſs and Paſſion, By thy precious Death and Burial, By thy glorious Reſurrection and Aſcenſion, and by the coming of the Holy Ghoſt,

*Good Lord deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of Judgment,

*Good Lord deliver us.*

I Humbly beſeech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon mine infirmities, and for the glory of thy Names ſake turn from me all thoſe evils that I moſt righteouſly have deſerved; and grant that in all my troubles I may put my whole truſt and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore ſerve thee (if I live) in holineſs and pureneſs of living, to thy honour and glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Friends of the ſick party ſhall exhort him to examine himſelf of his eſtate both towards God and towards Man; that ſo by the condemning of himſelf, he may find mercy at the hands of God, for Chriſt Jeſus ſake.

1. Of the confeſſion of his Faith.
2. Of his ſins and offences, both againſt God:

God Almighty, either publick or private; or his Neighbour in word or deed.

3. Of his confidence and faith in Jesus Christ, for the death and passion he suffered for all sinners.

4. Advise the party to send for the Minister, that he may pray with him; for the Lord hath promised to hear the prayers of the Faithful for us, and to forgive us our trespasses; And that he may give him the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the living Bread that came down from Heaven; *If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: the Bread that I give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the World; for whosoever eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him at the last day*, Joh. 6. 51.

5. Advise him to call to mind what injury or wrong he hath done to any Man in word or deed; that he may like good *Zacheus*, make satisfaction where he hath injuriously and fraudulently taken and detained from any man, by oppression or deceit, his goods or money; for without Restitution there can be no Repentance; and if no Repentance, no expectation of Salvation.

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6. Advise him also to set his house in order, for death will not be long in coming, and that the covenant of the grace is not revealed to any: And to make a judicious distribution of his estate, not forgetting the Poor.

*The Sick saith,*

1. I believe in God the Father Almighty, &c.

2. I am fully perswaded, and undoubtedly in my conscience believe, and do confess and acknowledge before God and you here present, that every Point and Article of this my belief is true, and necessary to Salvation.

3. I acknowledge that I have been a grievous sinner, offending my God many ways; both in thought, word, and deed, and am guilty of the breach of all his Commandments; deserving for the same his heavy wrath and indignation against me; I am sorrowful, and mourn in my soul for them, trusting that the Lord for Jesus Christ his sake, who sitteth at the right hand of God, making intercession for my sin, will have mercy upon me, and grant me forgiveness for the same, and after this life ended, receive me to his eternal habitation.

4. I confidently believe that Jeſus Chriſt is the only Mediator and Saviour of all mankind, and that I ſhall be ſaved by the only merits of his precious Death and Paſſion, which he ſuffered on the Croſs for my Salvation; denying all meritorious works of my own, and that there is no name under heaven whereby I may be ſaved, but in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt.

5. I do from my heart freely forgive all the World, all thoſe that have any way wronged, injured, or offended me by word or deed, as I deſire to be forgiven of God. And I deſire likewiſe, all Men whom I have often offended, by committing any unjuſt, unconſcionable, or uncharitable act or deed, to forgive me being ſorry for what I did, to their prejudice or hurt.

O Lord, I beſeech thee, hear my Prayer, and ſpare me which do confeſs my ſins, that I, whoſe conſcience by ſin is accuſed, by thy merciful pardon may be abſolved, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O Lord my Redeemer, have mercy upon me, and receive my ſpirit.

*A Prayer to be ſaid by thoſe that Viſit the Sick.*

O Moſt mighty and eternal God, which haſt compaſſion on all Men, and hateſt

teſt nothing that thou haſt made, mercifully we beſeech thee to have compaſſion on this thy ſervant, who by thy viſitation hath been ſorely afflicted, and by the ſame even brought to the termination of his days, and end of his life: be pleaſed good Lord to have mercy upon him, accept of him as the work of thine own hand, a Lamb of thy fold, thy ſervant, redeemed by Jeſus Chriſt, who is willing by thy appointment, to leave this miſerable world, in full aſſurance of thy mercy in Jeſus Chriſt, for the remiſſion of his ſins: guide him good Lord, in this his laſt journey, that he, being quit of all the troubles of this tranſitory World, may ſafely by thy power be conducted to the Haven of eternal happineſs, into the arms of thy unſpeakable mercy, to everlaſting peace, to perpetual joy, and there to reign with all the company of Saints and Angels in eternal Bliſs for evermore.

Good Lord we beſeech thee, by the abundance of thy goodneſs, by the multitude of thy Mercies, by the merits of thy Death and Paſſion, by the glorious Reſurrection and Aſcenſion of Jeſus Chriſt, have mercy upon him: deliver him from the burthen of his ſins, the fear of Death, and the pow-

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er of Hell; and give him a quiet and joyful departure, and receive him in thy favour to the fulneſs of Joy in thine everlaſting Kingdom, to reign with thee world without end. *Amen.*

*Thanksgiving after Recovery.*

O Lord thy God and heavenly Father, ſeeing it hath pleaſed thee of thy infinite mercies to with-hold my life from the pit of corruption, and in good meaſure reſtored me again to my former health, crowning me with mercy and loving kindneſs, my ſoul and all that is within me ſhall praiſe thy holy Name: I will praiſe thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, and ſing praiſe unto thy Name, O thou moſt High, for the health of my body; I bleſs thee for it with my ſoul: And, good Lord, give me alſo the health of my ſoul, then ſhall I magnifie and praiſe thee for thy goodneſs, with ſoul and body. This gentle correction hath brought me nigher unto thee, and upon thy forbearance I have promiſed amendment of life; and that I may ſo do, aſſiſt me with thy grace, give me conſtancy and perſeverance in good works, and keep me from relapſing into thoſe ſins which induced thy former judgments: and though the cuſtom of ſin take

take away the ſenſe of ſin, and my infirmities being many; yet, good Lord, forſake not my ſoul in any temptation, neither ſuffer me to fall into ſuch notorious ſins again, which I have truly repented me of; but ſo guide me by thy grace in the ſmall remainder of my days that I have to live in this World, that my life may be ordered by thy governance, and always do that which is righteous in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

## Pſal. 116.

I Am well pleaſed that the Lord hath heard the voice of my Prayer:

2. That he hath inclined his ear unto me: Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The ſnares of Death compaſſed me round about: And the pains of Hell got hold upon me.

4. I ſhall find trouble and heavineſs, and I ſhall call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beſeech thee deliver my ſoul.

5. Gracious is the Lord and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

6. The Lord preſerve the ſimple: I was in miſery, and he helped me.

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7. Turn again then unto thy reſt, O my ſoul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8 And why, thou haſt delivered my ſoul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling

9. I will walk before the Lord in the Land of the living.

10. I believed, and therefore will I ſpeak, but I was ſore troubled: I ſaid in my haſt, All men are lyers.

11. What reward ſhall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12. I will receive the cup of ſalvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

13. I will pay my vows now in the preſence of all his people: right dear in the ſight of the Lord is the death of his ſaints.

14 Behold (O Lord) how that I am thy ſervant, I am thy ſervant, and the Son of thy handmaid, thou haſt broken my bonds in ſunder.

15. I will offer unto thee the ſacrifice of thankſgiving; and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

16. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the ſight of all his people: in the Courts of the Lords houſe, even in the midſt of thee O Jeruſalem. Praiſe the Lord.

## *A Morning Prayer for a Private Family.*

O God the Father, Creator, and Maker of all things in Heaven and Earth; O Chriſt, the Redeemer of all Mankind; and thou (O bleſſed Spirit) the Sanctifier of all the Elect, have mercy upon us; ſpare us moſt miſerable ſinners, whom thou haſt redeemed, and be not angry with us for ever; but hearken unto our Prayers, receive our Petitions, and grant our requeſts, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, our only Lord, and bleſſed Saviour.

We thy poor and unworthy ſervants, in all humility of Soul and Body, and unfeigned acknowledgment of our bounden duty, proſtrate our ſelves before the Throne of thy mercy ſeat, praiſing and magnifying thy fatherly goodneſs, for the abundance of thy bleſſings, for the multitude of thy mercies continually heaped upon us; beſeeching thee for Chriſt his ſake to be merciful to all our ſins committed againſt thy divine Majeſty; upon the conſideration of which, we confeſs we are not worthy to ap-

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pear in thy ſight, much leſs to ask a bleſſing at thy hands; for by reaſon of our corrupt Nature in us derived from our firſt Parents, our inclination hath been prone to commit all manner of ſin and wickedneſs againſt thy goodneſs; thy Laws and Precepts we have broken both in thought, word and deed; out of our hearts proceed evil and wicked imaginations, which defile the Soul, and the whole man is altogether abominable; the eyes that now look up to thee for mercy, have beheld vanity; our tongues that now call upon thee, have blaſphemed thee; our hands now lifted up to heaven, have been lifted up againſt thee; our feet have been willing to run to commit any miſchief by the temptation of Satan; our wills being continually averſe to thy commandments; the Law of ſin is in our members, repugnant to the Law of our mind, making us altogether unworthy of the leaſt of thy mercies; and miſerable that we are, the numberleſs number of our ſins have been multiplyed as the number of our ſinful days have increaſed; theſe things, O Lord, we have done to our ſhame, and if thy mercy prevent not, judgment, to our utter deſtruction of ſoul and body;

body; we must acknowledge thou who art our Creator, who hast made us, by the precious death of Jesus Christ redeemed us, and by thy holy Spirit sanctified us; and many are the blessings and benefits which we enjoy both in soul and body; therefore by the contrition of our hearts, by the testimony of our Consciences, we stand convicted, & at the horrid thought of our sins we are mightily astonished, what shall we say, or wherein shall we open our mouths, who shall deliver us from the misery due to us for our transgressions? nothing can be expected in this life but misery and confusion, and in the world to come eternal condemnation But yet, O Lord, in obedience of thy command, and in confident assurance of thy endless and unspeakable mercy, promised in Jesus Christ to all sinners with sorrow in our hearts, with shame in our face, in humility of spirit, we appeal from thee, to thee, from thee a just Judge to thee a merciful Father; from the Throne of thy justice, to the seat of thy mercy, beseeching thee to have mercy upon us, O Lord, to have mercy upon us, and turn thy face away from all our sins, and blot out all our transgressions, for the only meritorious death and passion of

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Jesus Christ thy innocent Lamb, who so abundantly shed his Blood on the Cross to take away the sins of the world; accept we intreat thee, that inestimable price of his suffering, for a full ransom for all our sins; remit them unto us, and divert thy Judgments and punishments from us, and assure us of thy love and favour in Christ: and for the time to come, work in us by the graces of thy holy Spirit, true and unfeigned Repentance, and faith with strength against sin, and grace in some better measure to do thy will; reform our affections, transform us out of sin, into the glorious liberty of thy own children, to live in newness of life, in holy conversation, and continual obedience to thy divine Majesty.

And seeing, O Lord, it hath pleased thee of thy goodness to deliver us from the power of darkness, and all dangers of the night past, affording us quiet and comfortable rest, bringing us safe to the beginning of this day: our Souls and all that is within us shall praise thy holy Name; desiring continually to render unto thee all possible praise and thanksgiving for the Incarnation of our Blessed Saviour, for our Redemption by passion, for our Creation, Election, Justification, and Sanctification in some good measure, and assured

ſured hope of Glorification in the World to come: we likewiſe bleſs thee for our lives, health, liberty, peace and proſperity, for our preſervation, and deliverance from evil ſince we were born, for the freedom of thy Goſpel, for the comfort we enjoy under His Majeſty's happy Reign; for delivering our Church and Kingdom from Foreign Invaſion; for ſparing and giving us ſo long a time of Repentance: for theſe thy bleſſings and benefits our Souls ſhall praiſe the Lord of Heaven, whoſe mercy endureth from generation to generation.

Bleſs and defend us (O Lord) this day, direct and protect us in the ſame, bleſs our going out and coming in; let thy Spirit guide us in all our Actions, deliver us from the temptation and malice of the Devil, and keep us both in Soul and Body from all his devices, and let thy grace preſerve and guide us in all our ways, that we may walk circumſpectly, and ſtrive to avoid all occaſions of committing or running into ſuch ſins, which by nature we are apt to fall into; ſet a watch before the door of our lips, that we may not offend thy Majeſty by ill words, or blaſphemous Oaths; keep us, we beſeech thee, from violent paſſions, which provoke thy wrath and indignation againſt us; and guide our

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feet in the way of peace, which leads us to Everlasting Salvation: Let the dew of thy blessing descend upon our labours, and prosper thou the work of our hands: O prosper thou our handy-work; make us diligent and dutiful in our calling; and that we may have a good Conscience in all our dealings, not any way to defraud any man, knowing one day we must give an account for all our words and deeds: And good Lord, we beseech thee so to bless our endeavours, that we may raise such a competency and convenient sufficiency, void of wretched care, for the supportation of our lives, in a modest and civil manner; and especially give us hearts and minds contented with what thou shalt be pleased to lay upon us, strength and patience in all afflictions and temptations, troubles and adversities, which seal thy children to salvation: give us meekness, and humility in prosperity, and constancy in well doing; and for the small remainder of our lives, that we have to live here on earth, give us grace to consecrate it to thy service, and live in thy fear, not setting our hearts on transitory things, but carefully labour to redeem the time; not deferring our repentance, but endeavour to make our *calling & election sure*, working our salvation in fear and trembling

bling, before we go hence and be no more ſeen: And grant us, O Lord, that when the race and courſe of our natural life here on earth is finiſhed, we may at the laſt receive a crown of righteouſneſs, which thou from the beginning haſt laid up for them that fear thy Name.

In theſe our Prayers we further intreat thee, O Lord, for a bleſſing upon thy Church univerſal, more eſpecially we beſeech thee to continue the peace and proſperity of theſe Churches wherein we live, and every member thereof; more eſpecially, ever mightily protect and defend, from all evil and danger; and bleſs with the chiefeſt of thy bleſſings, his Majeſty King *WILLIAM* and all the Royal Family: Bleſs the Lords and others of his Majeſties Privy-Council, the Reverend Clergy, and all Civil Magiſtrates: bleſs all our Friends and Kindred and Acquaintance; bleſs us all, good Lord, from the higheſt to the loweſt; help and comfort all our brethen, that in this tranſitory life be in trouble, ſorrow, need, ſickneſs, or any other adverſity: Comfort the comfortleſs, help the diſtreſſed, and defend all that travel by Land or Water: and work in all and every one of us, true fear of thy Holy

Name

Name, and conſtant reſolution to ſerve thee to our lives end,

Good Lord hear, Lord hearken unto us we beſeech thee, and accept of this our Morning ſacrifice of praiſe and thankſgiving; hear our prayers, and grant our petitions that we have asked, and all other bleſſings, which thou in thy infinite wiſdom knoweſt moſt neceſſary for us, and thy whole Church, we ask and crave at thy merciful hands, in the Name, and through the Mediation of thy dear Son, our bleſſed Redeemer, our only Lord and bleſſed Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, in that moſt excellent form of Prayer, which he in his holy Goſpel hath taught us, ſaying,

*Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, &c.*

*The Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the love of God, and the Fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt be with us all for evermore.* **Amen.**

## *An Evening Prayer for a private Family.*

O Eternal God and Heavenly Father, which haſt made of one blood all mankind, and breathed into us the breath of life, and aſſigned times and length of our life in this world, which thou continueſt according to thy good pleaſure; and if thou withdraweſt thy hand, we ſoon periſh, and are returned to duſt, whence we were taken: we will therefore ſhew forth thy power in the Evening, and magnifie thy goodneſs for ſaving us this day from dangers, and from our birth, in the whole courſe of our lives, hitherto preſerving us; for thou art a God of patience, pity, and much forgiveneſs; ſhewing mercy unto thouſands, and blotting out all our offences. O Lord, we pray thee ſet not before thine eyes the horrible confuſion, uncleanneſs, and wickedneſs of our hearts, (being repleniſhed with loathſome darkneſs, of ignorance, errours, doubtings, and diſtruſt) yea, our vile hearts have been turned away from thee, and all the powers of our ſouls and bodies are filthily defiled and weakened with wickedneſs;

neſs; only we cry aloud unto thee, favourably to conſider the troubles and ſorrows of our hearts, to ſtrengthen our infirmities, and to pardon our moſt horrible offences: for we are wounded and weak and cannot be holpen but only through thy exceeding great mercy: There is no health in our fleſh, becauſe of thy diſpleaſure, neither is there any peace or reſt in our ſouls, by reaſon of our ſin; yet hear thou us (O Lord) for thy Holy Name-ſake, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake pardon and forgive us all our ſins that we have committed againſt thee this day; and grant us thy grace that we may amend our lives, and unfeignedly ſerve thee in the ſeveral duties of our Callings, to thy glory, and the comfort of our own Souls; remit our puniſhments, reſtore us to thy wonted favour, and receive us into thy moſt gracious protection, and keep us this night and evermore, that the Devil may have no power over us, nor the ſin of wickedneſs may be able to hurt us. Whether we ſleep or wake, live or die, we are always thine, thou art our Creator and Redeemer; guard us about with the Armies of thy Holy Angels in our habitations; expel and remove

far away from us wicked Spirits (our mortal enemies) and graciously protect us from our persecutors which lay snares to subdue us: Do thou (O God) assist us, that we may peaceably sleep and rest in thee; hide us in thy Tabernacle from the strife of all men, and we will fear no evil, for thou that keepest us, dost neither slumber nor sleep: thy rod and thy staff do always comfort and defend us: Let thy mercy (O God) prevent and follow us all the days of our lives, that we may dwell in thy House of defence in longness of days, praising thee evermore. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one true, gratious, and everlasting God, ruling and reigning world without end.

*Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed, &c.*

Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST.

Let thy mighty hand, and out-stretched Arm, O Lord, be still our defence; thy mercy and loving kindness in Jesus

Christ

Christ thy dear Son our Salvation; thy true and holy word our instruction; thy Grace and holy Spirit our comfort and consolation, to the end, and in the end. So be it. *Amen.*

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ*, &c.

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